By: Rodriguez

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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The strength and cohesion of our communities are 2 enhanced by the efforts of individuals such as Paul Tovar, whose 3 work over the course of nearly six decades has contributed to the 4 quality of life in Austin; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Tovar holds a pharmacy degree from The University of Texas at Austin, and he completed postgraduate work 6 7 in long-term health care administration, real estate, banking, and business; as a certified pharmacist, he has expanded access to 8 9 health care by establishing medical clinics and pharmacies throughout the city; he has also provided coverage and services to 10 11 vulnerable women and children through his Vista Health Insurance 12 Plan, and his new private insurance plan assists those who are not 13 eligible for government programs; further, his nonprofit 14 organization, Primero Health, offers free health education and resources; and 15

16 WHEREAS, A community development leader, Mr. Tovar has 17 helped create affordable housing and equal education opportunities 18 in the Austin area; moreover, as board chair of the Texas Certified 19 Development Company, which he founded in 1981, he oversees a small 20 business loan program designed to promote business growth, generate 21 jobs, and improve economic stability; he additionally launched CP 22 Enterprises and Hallmark Business Services; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Tovar previously served as chair of the Greater 24 Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; in the early 1970s, he opened

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1 the Rockin' M dance hall, and the establishment attracted such 2 influential conjunto musical performers as Flaco Jiménez; and

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3 WHEREAS, Paul Tovar has demonstrated a lasting commitment to 4 making Austin a better place for all, and in so doing, he has earned 5 the deep respect and appreciation of his fellow residents; now, 6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas 8 Legislature hereby recognize Paul Tovar for his longtime 9 contributions to his community and extend to him sincere best 10 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 12 prepared for Mr. Tovar as an expression of high regard by the Texas 13 House of Representatives.

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