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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tejano country star Casey Cantu of Hargill has
2 distinguished himself as one of the Lone Star State's musical
3 innovators; and

4 WHEREAS, Raised in South Texas, Casey Cantu began joining his
5 family in migrant work when he was a child; he loved to hear his
6 father singing in the fields, and he grew up listening to both the
7 Tejano and conjunto music his parents preferred and the
8 country-western played on radio stations where they traveled;
9 during the school year, he sold orange trees in his free time to
10 make enough money to buy a Silvertone guitar; he taught himself to
11 play and then began writing original songs and winning local talent
12 shows; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1973, Mr. Cantu formed the Tumbleweed Band with
14 high school friends, and as the lead singer and bassist, he also
15 composed songs and arrangements; the group's fusion of country and
16 Tejano influences won over fans and caught media attention, and
17 they released material on local labels and Mr. Cantu's own Crazy
18 Hat Records; gaining popularity across the Southwest and in Mexico,
19 the band began touring widely; they signed with Corpus Christi
20 label Hacienda Records in 1980 and recorded three albums, which
21 yielded numerous hits, among them "(Hasta Pa'ca) Dame Tu Amor," a
22 Spanish interpretation of a Don Williams song; and

23 WHEREAS, The Tumbleweeds influenced a number of other bands,
24 and although the members went their separate ways in 1998, their

1 music has continued to inspire their fans; in 2014, Mr. Cantu was
2 inducted into the Tejano Roots Hall of Fame in recognition of his
3 contributions; and

4 WHEREAS, Casey Cantu has left a lasting imprint on Tejano
5 music, and through his talent and creativity, he has brought joy to
6 innumerable people in Texas and beyond; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor Tejano country musician Casey Cantu for
9 his accomplishments and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
10 future; and, be it further

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