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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lin-Manuel Miranda made history spring to life as
2 creator of the groundbreaking musical *Hamilton*, and he has used his
3 growing fame to make a positive difference in the lives of countless
4 individuals; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Luis A. Miranda Jr. and Luz
6 Towns-Miranda, Lin-Manuel Miranda grew up in a New York City
7 household full of music; his parents introduced him to the magic of
8 Broadway through an extensive record collection, and they also
9 instilled in him and his sister, Luz, a strong sense of civic
10 responsibility, taking them along to school board meetings,
11 campaigns, and activities at nonprofit organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Miranda demonstrated exceptional talent at an
13 early age, playing the piano and performing in school productions;
14 while still in high school, he began writing musicals, and before
15 graduating from Wesleyan University, he completed a draft of *In the*
16 *Heights*; that chronicle of Hispanic life in upper Manhattan
17 received four Tony Awards in 2008, affirming the wisdom of his
18 father, who had encouraged him to pursue his dreams, rather than a
19 safe career path; the following year, Mr. Miranda previewed
20 material from *Hamilton* at a White House poetry and spoken word
21 event, and the musical went on to a sold-out run at The Public
22 Theater before becoming a Broadway smash, with Mr. Miranda playing
23 the role of founding father Alexander Hamilton; in 2016, it won 11
24 Tony Awards, the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, and the Grammy Award for

1 Best Musical Theater Album, among many other accolades; the
2 production has drawn a host of notable audience members, from
3 President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama to musicians
4 Paul McCartney, Rubén Blades, and David Byrne; and

5 WHEREAS, Ever more in demand, Mr. Miranda has gone on to
6 other projects in publishing, television, film, theater, and music;
7 he starred in *Mary Poppins Returns* and received a 2018 Grammy Award
8 for the original song "How Far I'll Go," from the Disney feature
9 *Moana*; in addition, he has devoted himself to philanthropy,
10 especially in Puerto Rico, where his parents grew up; he and his
11 family have been active in relief efforts following Hurricane
12 Maria, raising over \$40 million for the Hispanic Federation's fund;
13 they joined the producers of *Hamilton* to create the Flamboyant Arts
14 Fund for the island, and together, they have worked to encourage
15 Latino political involvement and to support such causes as
16 education and voting and immigrant rights; and

17 WHEREAS, Lin-Manuel Miranda has inspired his fellow
18 Americans through both his artistry and his dedication to making
19 the world a better place, and his myriad fans look forward with
20 great anticipation to his next endeavors; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
22 Legislature hereby honor Lin-Manuel Miranda for his professional
23 accomplishments and civic engagement and extend to him sincere best
24 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for Mr. Miranda as an expression of high regard by the
27 Texas House of Representatives.