

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and fans of Tejano music are
2 mourning the loss of Noé Nieto Jr., longtime member of Los Kumbia
3 Kings and Los Kumbia Kings All Starz, who passed away on September
4 11, 2021, at the age of 46; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Columbus, Georgia, "Gipper" Nieto was
6 born on December 29, 1974, to Noé Nieto Sr. and Maria Del Rosario
7 Olivarez-Dieckhoff; he moved frequently with his military family,
8 and his interest in music was awakened at age 13, when he joined the
9 band program at his school in Puerto Rico and successfully taught
10 himself to play every brass instrument that was available; from
11 there, he learned to play the piano, which then led to his discovery
12 of his favorite instrument, the accordion; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Nieto made his home in San Perlita, Texas, and
14 he began his career as a professional musician playing alongside
15 his friends in a band called Gananzia; he subsequently started
16 another band, Los Impalas, that was signed by Abraham Quintanilla
17 under the Q Productions label in 1999, and soon thereafter he was
18 invited to join Los Kumbia Kings, the Latin Grammy-winning ensemble
19 from Corpus Christi that performed songs blending Mexican cumbia,
20 hip hop, and R&B; and

21 WHEREAS, With Los Kumbia Kings, Mr. Nieto played to sold-out
22 venues across North, Central, and South America; he continued as a
23 member of later iterations of the band, AB Quintanilla y los Kumbia
24 Kings and Los Kumbia Kings All Starz, and in 2011, he showcased his

1 musicianship on his solo album, *Noé*, in which he sang and played
2 every instrument; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Nieto was most proud of his collaborations with
4 some of his music idols, who included AB Quintanilla III, Carlos
5 Vives, Thalía, Bobby Pulido, Jaime de Anda, Oscar de la Rosa,
6 Jennifer Peña, and numerous others; he had the pleasure of writing,
7 singing, engineering, and producing music alongside many
8 exceptional musicians, some of whom became mentors and close
9 friends to him; in addition, he found great fulfillment in his
10 involvement in an after-school program in San Perlita, which
11 allowed him to share his passion for music with young people; and

12 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Nieto enjoyed the love and
13 support of his wife, Kelly Koester-Nieto, and their three children,
14 Christopher, Khloe, and Rocket; and

15 WHEREAS, Gipper Nieto made a unique contribution to the world
16 of Tejano music and touched the lives of countless people along the
17 way, and he leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all
18 those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
20 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
21 of Noé "Gipper" Nieto Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to his
22 family and friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gipper
26 Nieto.

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H.R. No. 42

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 42 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on October 14, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House