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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.