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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Somos Tejas, a nonprofit organization based in Dallas's Oak Cliff neighborhood, has demonstrated an admirable commitment to serving the community during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Founded by organizer and activist Ramiro Luna, Somos Tejas seeks to mobilize Latin American residents to exercise their right to vote and make their voices heard in the democratic process; the goal of the organization is to transform the culture around civic participation and to inspire Latin American citizens to take a proactive role in addressing the issues that affect their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Somos Tejas has been an outstanding resource to area residents throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; in addition to providing items such as face masks and hand sanitizer, the organization has disseminated important information about COVID-19 safety measures and vaccine eligibility; in addition, it has continued to carry out its work to promote Latin American representation by encouraging participation in the 2020 Census and keeping residents up to date about elections and city meetings; and

WHEREAS, Somos Tejas has performed vital work to mitigate the impact of a public health crisis that has created many hardships for the community, and all those involved with the organization may take great pride in their significant contributions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby honor Somos Tejas for its service to the Oak Cliff area during the COVID-19 pandemic and extend to the organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Somos Tejas as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.