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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Austin Latino Coalition has demonstrated a
2 steadfast commitment to supporting area residents during the
3 COVID-19 pandemic and the accompanying economic crisis, as well as
4 in the aftermath of Winter Storm Uri; and

5 WHEREAS, The unprecedented circumstances of the past year
6 have placed immense burdens on our communities, including strains
7 on health care resources, loss of jobs, business closures, and
8 damage to homes, and members of the Austin Latino Coalition have set
9 an inspiring example of civic leadership by continuing to serve
10 others and working toward the greater good; in so doing, they have
11 been a source of guidance and relief to many individuals; and

12 WHEREAS, Founded in 2013, the coalition unites the efforts of
13 Latino organizations and individuals to promote civic engagement
14 and self-determination; it has focused recent efforts on addressing
15 the pandemic's disproportionate impact on the Latino community, and
16 in the wake of Winter Storm Uri, its volunteers marked the 94th
17 anniversary of the birth of civil rights leader Cesar Chavez by
18 holding a day of action, distributing food, water, and personal
19 protective equipment to some 1,000 families; and

20 WHEREAS, Since then, the Austin Latino Coalition has
21 organized and supported many other important initiatives,
22 including the distribution of food, water, household supplies, and
23 personal protective equipment, as well as numerous COVID-19 vaccine
24 distribution events in east and southeast Travis County; in

1 addition, members have drawn attention to health care disparities
2 in the eastern crescent region of Austin, and through their
3 advocacy and work, they have helped increase vaccine access for
4 residents of underserved communities in the area, including those
5 who may lack Internet access or speak a primary language other than
6 English; and

7 WHEREAS, The tireless dedication of the Austin Latino
8 Coalition has made a positive difference in the lives of countless
9 Texans during a time of crisis, and the organization is truly
10 deserving of special recognition for its efforts; now, therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby honor the Austin Latino Coalition for its outstanding
14 service to the community and extend to its members sincere best
15 wishes for continued success in their important work; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the coalition as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.