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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Casa Ortiz, a new gallery in Socorro featuring the
2 works of five local artists, is contributing to the cultural
3 richness of the El Paso area; and

4 WHEREAS, Owned by Jonathan Hernandez, the gallery is located
5 in a historic adobe building on Socorro Road that is believed to
6 have been built in the 1700s; featuring the vigas and *latillas* often
7 used in traditional adobe architecture, the structure was once the
8 home of Jose Ortiz, a comanchero, salt merchant, and buffalo
9 hunter, and the house was passed down to members of the Ortiz family
10 through the 1940s; and

11 WHEREAS, Now repurposed as a gallery, Casa Ortiz showcases
12 the creations of artists Diego Martinez, Brian Holt, Nico Antuna
13 Cooper, Gabriel Marquez, and Carla Padilla; in addition, the
14 gallery will host temporary exhibitions featuring a range of other
15 works; and

16 WHEREAS, Casa Ortiz, with its long and fascinating history,
17 is an evocative setting for the arts, and it is certain to provide a
18 rewarding and memorable experience to visitors in the years ahead;
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
21 Legislature hereby commemorate the opening of the Casa Ortiz art
22 gallery in Socorro and extend sincere best wishes for all those
23 associated with this exciting endeavor; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for the gallery as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.