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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Somos Tejas, a nonprofit organization based in

Dallas's Oak Cliff neighborhood, has demonstrated an admirable

3 commitment to serving the community during the COVID-19 pandemic;

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5 WHEREAS, Founded by organizer and activist Ramiro Luna, Somos

Tejas seeks to mobilize Latin American residents to exercise their

7 right to vote and make their voices heard in the democratic process;

8 the goal of the organization is to transform the culture around

9 civic participation and to inspire Latin American citizens to take

10 a proactive role in addressing the issues that affect their

11 families and communities; and

12 WHEREAS, Somos Tejas has been an outstanding resource to area

13 residents throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; in addition to

14 providing items such as face masks and hand sanitizer, the

15 organization has disseminated important information about COVID-19

16 safety measures and vaccine eligibility; in addition, it has

17 continued to carry out its work to promote Latin American

18 representation by encouraging participation in the 2020 Census and

19 keeping residents up to date about elections and city meetings; and

20 WHEREAS, Somos Tejas has performed vital work to mitigate the

21 impact of a public health crisis that has created many hardships for

22 the community, and all those involved with the organization may

23 take great pride in their significant contributions; now,

24 therefore, be it

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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.