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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The City of San Marcos celebrated Ralph Gonzales Day on November 6, 2023, to honor the founder of Nosotros La Gente, an area nonprofit dedicated to serving the community; and

WHEREAS, Nosotros La Gente was established in 1996 with the mission to improve the lives of families in the San Marcos area and promote equality and justice for all citizens; the organization initially began in Mr. Gonzales's home, with his family assisting with fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Nosotros La Gente hosts the Viva Zapatos Shoe Drive, which provides shoes for local youth and was inspired by Mr. Gonzales's own struggles growing up without proper footwear; the organization also helps area residents with utilities, medical assistance, and transportation, and it has held a turkey dinner for the community during the Thanksgiving holiday; and

WHEREAS, For more than 25 years, Nosotros La Gente has made a positive difference in the lives of countless San Marcos citizens, and Ralph Gonzales Day represents a fitting tribute to the organization's founder and his exemplary record of good works; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commemorate Ralph Gonzales Day in San Marcos and commend Mr. Gonzales and all those involved with Nosotros La Gente for their service to the community; and, be it further

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