RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel Flores and Adan Chavez distinguished 2 themselves through their pioneering work as bilingual radio 3 broadcasters for South Texas high school baseball games; and WHEREAS, From 1983 to 2013, the duo broadcasted high school 4 5 baseball games in both English and Spanish on KUNO and KSAB, serving as the voices for a number of high school teams, including Robstown, 6 Moody, Carroll, Calallen, Falfurrias, Riviera, Freer, Odem, 7 Sinton, Santa Gertrudis, Bishop, and London; Dr. Flores, a 8 journalist and college professor, provided the play-by-play 9 analysis while Mr. Chavez, a high school baseball coach and 10 11 longtime educator, was the color commentator; blending bicultural 12 elements, the two attracted numerous listeners, often outdrawing English-only stations and broadcasts of Houston Astros games; their 13 14 efforts contributed to the growing popularity of high school baseball in the region, and they helped showcase the sport as the 15 16 area became a hotbed of title-contending teams; and WHEREAS, Operating with limited equipment and resources, 17 Dr. Flores and Mr. Chavez did whatever was necessary to deliver the 18 games to their audience; they sometimes stationed themselves in the 19 20 stands or next to a team dugout when they were unable to secure a place in the press box, and in 1989 they began using cell phones in 21 their work; their ability to interview coaches and players via 22 23 phone immediately after the game broke new ground for South Texas sports coverage; and 24

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- 1 WHEREAS, Born in Laredo and raised in Hebbronville,
- 2 Dr. Flores has served as a journalism professor at Texas A&M
- 3 University-Kingsville since 2006, and he has published six books
- 4 and made more than 200 academic presentations; he was inducted into
- 5 the Miller High School Buccaneers Athletics Hall of Fame and also
- 6 called high school football games for the institution; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Chavez served as a teacher and administrator for
- 8 the Corpus Christi Independent School District for many years
- 9 before retiring in 2016; an inductee into the Moody Hall of Fame, he
- 10 continues to serve as an announcer for high school baseball games;
- 11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, With their passion, charm, and love of the game,
- 13 Dr. Manuel Flores and Adan Chavez delighted baseball fans during
- 14 the golden era of South Texas baseball, and their contributions
- 15 will be appreciated for many years to come; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
- 17 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor Dr. Manuel Flores and
- 18 Adan Chavez for their contributions as baseball broadcasters and
- 19 extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
- 20 further
- 21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 22 prepared for Dr. Flores and Mr. Chavez as an expression of high
- 23 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 36 was adopted by the House on November 17, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House