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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Linda Escobar of Corpus Christi hosted an event on
2 August 3, 2025, to celebrate her 60th anniversary as a conjunto and
3 Tejano artist; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Alice, Ms. Escobar developed a deep love
5 for music during her childhood, and she began performing with her
6 father, Eligio Escobar, a pioneer of the conjunto genre; the duo
7 toured the nation with other artists, and they shared writing
8 credits on her 1965 hit song, "Frijolitos Pintos," which sold over a
9 million records and propelled her rise to stardom at just seven
10 years old; and

11 WHEREAS, After attending high school and college,
12 Ms. Escobar established her own band, ZAMEN, and she performed in
13 guest spots with other renowned artists; she eventually began
14 collaborating with Japanese accordionist Kenji Katsube and his
15 group, Conjunto J, developing an eclectic style of music that
16 blended both Asian and Tex-Mex genres; after Mr. Katsube tragically
17 died of cancer in May 2003, she paid tribute to his memory with a
18 collection of songs titled *Llorando En Silencio*, which featured
19 such tracks as "El Corrido de Kenji" and "Lonely Letters"; and

20 WHEREAS, Known to her fans as "the Queen of Conjunto,"
21 Ms. Escobar founded a label, Escobar Records, and she and her
22 conjunto group recorded the albums *Dejenme Vivir Mi Vida*, *Conjunto*
23 *Dream*, *Mi Cantina*, and *Con Sentimiento y Corazon*; she released the
24 album *La Diva de Conjunto* in August 2008, and her discography also

1 includes the 2019 album *La Revancha*; in addition, she honored her
2 late mother, Jesusa, with a 2017 collection titled *Vi Una Nube*,
3 which features covers of songs that her mother enjoyed singing; and

4 WHEREAS, Among her many accomplishments, Ms. Escobar has
5 been inducted into the Tejano R.O.O.T.S. Hall of Fame in Alice, the
6 Texas Conjunto Music Hall of Fame in San Benito, the Narciso
7 Martinez Hall of Fame in San Antonio, and the South Texas Music Walk
8 of Fame in Corpus Christi; in 2019, she was presented with the
9 prestigious Lifetime Achievement honor at the Tejano Music
10 Awards hosted by Texas Talent Musicians Association; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Escobar is retired from a rewarding career with
12 the State of Texas; for 24 years, she has ably overseen the El
13 Veterano Conjunto Festival, which she founded in memory of her
14 father; proceeds from the event benefit the Eligio Escobar
15 Scholarship Fund; and

16 WHEREAS, Linda Escobar has made exceptional contributions to
17 the advancement of Tejano and conjunto music, and in so doing, she
18 has helped to enrich the vibrant culture of the Lone Star State;
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
21 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Linda Escobar
22 on her 60th anniversary in the music industry and extend to her
23 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Ms. Escobar as an expression of high regard by the
26 Texas House of Representatives.