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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The music group Latin Express of Fort Worth is
2 celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, Since 1975, Latin Express has been led by its
4 founder, multi-instrumentalist Carlos Saenz; he started his career
5 at the age of 12, playing drums in his father's conjunto band, Nicho
6 Saenz Y Los Alegres Del Norte; his own tastes ran more toward the
7 Beatles, Motown, Sunny Ozuna, and Carlos Santana, and these
8 influences would inform Latin Express, which he formed as a student
9 at North Side High School; the group's first concert, a fundraiser
10 for a Spanish Club trip, raised \$800; five years later, he recruited
11 his younger brother, Leo, to play trumpet; and

12 WHEREAS, Latin Express continued to build its fan base and
13 gain recognition over the years; following the election of
14 President George W. Bush, the band performed at an inaugural ball in
15 Washington, D.C.; the group has received numerous accolades,
16 including recognition by such publications as the *Fort Worth Weekly*
17 and *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, and in 2008, it was inducted into the
18 Tejano Roots Hall of Fame; and

19 WHEREAS, Known for his proficiency on drums, guitar, bass,
20 piano, and vocals, Mr. Saenz is involved in music behind the scenes
21 as well; he is the proprietor of Brown Line Productions, the studio
22 where Latin Express has recorded its many albums; the facility,
23 once occupied by his family's awning business, is also home to the
24 Saenz Music for the Performing Arts program, which offers lessons

1 in jazz theory and stage performance; Mr. Saenz has taught and
2 mentored many music students across the Dallas-Fort Worth area;
3 dedicated to his community, he has also provided golf instruction
4 to senior citizens and served on the Community Development Council
5 of Fort Worth; and

6 WHEREAS, Longevity in the music business is difficult to
7 achieve, but Latin Express has continued to bring joy to its fans
8 for a half century, and it is indeed a pleasure to join in marking
9 this momentous milestone; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Latin Express on its 50th
12 anniversary and extend to its members sincere best wishes for the
13 future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.