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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hispanic judges from across the state are gathering  
2 in Austin on February 25, 2025, in celebration of Texas Hispanic  
3 Judges' Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The Hispanic population of Texas is at least 40  
5 percent, yet Hispanic judges account for only 16 percent of the  
6 state's judiciary; and

7 WHEREAS, Hispanic judges have contributed significantly to  
8 justice across the State of Texas, as exemplified by trailblazers  
9 Reynaldo Garza, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit; Pete  
10 Benavides, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit; Raul Gonzalez,  
11 Texas Supreme Court; Eva Guzman, Texas Supreme Court; Elsa Alcala,  
12 Texas Court of Criminal Appeals; Linda Yanez, Thirteenth Court of  
13 Appeals; Carlos Cadena, Fourth Court of Appeals; Alma Lopez, Fourth  
14 Court of Appeals; Dori Contreras, Chief, Thirteenth Court of  
15 Appeals; and Elma Salinas Ender, 341st Judicial District Court, to  
16 name a few; and

17 WHEREAS, In collaboration with the Hispanic Issues Section of  
18 the State Bar of Texas, Hispanic judges formed the first statewide  
19 Hispanic judges' organization with the mission of enhancing  
20 excellence in the profession for current and future Hispanic  
21 judges, promoting diversity, inclusion, and integrity, and  
22 recognizing their contributions to the Texas judicial system; and

23 WHEREAS, Advancing equal justice under the law is the mission  
24 of all judges, and today the more than 500 Hispanic individuals who

1 serve on courts throughout the state exemplify the highest  
2 standards of judicial conduct and demonstrate their dedication to  
3 the people of Texas through their public service on and off the  
4 bench; now, therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 25, 2025, as Texas Hispanic  
7 Judges' Day at the State Capitol, commend Hispanic judges of Texas  
8 for their commitment to equal justice under the law, and extend to  
9 all those participating in this event sincere best wishes for a  
10 memorable and enjoyable visit to Austin.