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H. CON. RES. 65

Encouraging the people of the United States to reflect upon and celebrate Tejano music and other forms of Latin music, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 1999

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (for himself and Mr. ORTIZ) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Encouraging the people of the United States to reflect upon and celebrate Tejano music and other forms of Latin music, and for other purposes.

Whereas the music of the Latin community, like the music of other ethnic communities in the United States, represents the rich ethnic fabric of the Nation and is an integral part of the modern culture of the United States;

Whereas Tejano music is a form of Latin music that, like the Hispanic population of the United States, is a blend of old and new;

Whereas Tejano music is derived from conjunto, which was heavily influenced not only by the Latin polka, ranchera, and cumbia, but also by German music played on accor-

dions and strings and by a variety of other European and African musical traditions;

Whereas the Tejano sound further evolved in the 1960s and 1970s when Latin musicians infused conjunto with orchestral sounds, pop, and rhythm and blues;

Whereas the late Selena, the Tejano sensation from Corpus Christi, Texas, splashed Tejano onto the North American music scene with a unique blend of conjunto and rock 'n' roll;

Whereas Texans and members of the Mexican-American community throughout the United States draw strength and pride from Tejano music;

Whereas Tejano music is inspiring to young people and, particularly for Mexican-Americans, serves as a starting point for exploring their cultural heritage;

Whereas Tejano music is one of the fastest-growing forms of Latin music, and Texas is the Tejano capital of the world;

Whereas the Tejano Music Awards is an annual event that creates greater awareness and appreciation for Tejano music;

Whereas the 19th Annual Tejano Music Awards will be celebrated in San Antonio, Texas, and a record number of participants are expected to attend; and

Whereas Tejano musicians and musicians who perform other varieties of Latin music have needed to struggle to receive the same rights, protection, and compensation as other music performers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress encourages the people of
3 the United States—

4 (1) to reflect upon and celebrate Tejano music
5 and other forms of Latin music;

6 (2) to recognize that Tejano musicians and mu-
7 sicians who perform other varieties of Latin music
8 deserve the same rights, protection, and compensa-
9 tion as other music performers; and

10 (3) to provide resources and support for the
11 preservation of Latin music.

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