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DIGEST

Tejanos past and present have enriched the cultural heritage of the State of Texas and contribute significantly to its strength. The Capitol grounds display statues, memorials, and commemorations of people, ideas, and events that compose Texan identity. These displays document the struggles and the successes that Texans have experienced in the past and serve to inspire us as we face the challenges of today. A privately funded and designed statue, monument, or exhibit on the Texas Capitol grounds paying tribute to Tejanos would permanently acknowledge the influences and hopes of the prominent and diverse community it portrays. Chapter 443 of the Government Code authorizes the State Preservation Board to preserve, maintain, and restore the Capitol grounds, which include the Capitol, the General Land Office Building, their contents, their grounds, and monuments and exhibits on the grounds.

PURPOSE

H.C.R. 38 submits the following resolutions:

Provides that the 77th Texas Legislature hereby approves the construction of a statue or monument on the Capitol grounds that pays tribute to the contributions of Tejanos to the State of Texas, subject to the rules of the State Preservation Board. Provides that the Tejano Statue-Capitol, Inc., shall assist the State Preservation Board in the planning and completion of the statue or monument. Provides that the statue or monument shall be wholly funded by private donations and that the donors' names not be inscribed on the statue or monument. Provides that secretary of state shall forward an official copy of this resolution to the executive director of the State Preservation Board.