

House Resolution 699

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Marin of the 96th, McClain of the 100th, Mitchell of the 88th, and Scott of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Jose A. Marquez-Leon; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Jose A. Marquez-Leon is the national president, CEO, and founder of the
3 Georgia Latino Film Alliance and Film Festival; and
- 4 WHEREAS, founded in 2012, the Georgia Latino Film Festival is dedicated to helping
5 Latinos in Georgia become part of the film industry by recognizing business opportunities
6 as well as showing language films to educate the community of Georgia about the Latino
7 community; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he serves as lead advocate on state and federal issues related to the role of
9 Latinos in the film industry; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in addition, he is CEO of the Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology
11 Association (LISTA) and serves as the lead advocate on state and federal issues related to
12 the role of Latinos in the technology sector; and
- 13 WHEREAS, since LISTA's inception, the organization has developed programs to empower
14 and educate Latinos such as introducing technology into classrooms, encouraging
15 information technology and science professions among young adults, facilitating technology
16 related professional development, and recognizing Latinos within the information technology
17 industry; and
- 18 WHEREAS, this 25 year veteran of the telecommunications industry has held various senior
19 positions from implementation and sales engineering to channel development and Internet
20 policy at companies such as Sprint, MCI, AT&T, Global Crossing, and Mi8; and
- 21 WHEREAS, he has received numerous honors and awards for his commitment to the Latino
22 community, including the Politics 360 GameChangers Award, *Hispanic Engineer* magazine's

23 100 Most influential Hispanics in Technology and Business 2006-2014, and National
24 Hispanic Achievers Award in 2004, and in 2008, he was appointed by President Barack
25 Obama to serve on the FCC Committee on Digital and Media Inclusion; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding achievements of this
27 remarkable and distinguished leader be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Jose A. Marquez-Leon.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Jose A. Marquez-Leon.