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H.R. No. 1690

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Montserrat Garibay has been named senior advisor for  
2 labor relations in the Office of the Secretary of the United States  
3 Department of Education; and

4           WHEREAS, An educator and longtime champion of workers,  
5 Ms. Garibay served for more than three years as secretary-treasurer  
6 of the Texas AFL-CIO; she was the first Latina, the first immigrant,  
7 and the second woman to hold one of the state organization's highest  
8 offices; during her tenure, she negotiated two union contracts and  
9 mobilized Texans to vote in the 2020 election; she established the  
10 Texas AFL-CIO's citizenship campaign and worked tirelessly to  
11 ensure an accurate count in the 2020 U.S. Census, guiding the  
12 training of union members as census ambassadors and organizing  
13 phone banks to promote full participation; and

14           WHEREAS, Ms. Garibay oversaw the launch of food drives with  
15 the Central Texas Food Bank to help union members in need; in  
16 addition, she supported leadership development for women and young  
17 activists, co-leading the implementation of the Ruth Ellinger Labor  
18 Leaders School and managing the inaugural Texas AFL-CIO Women's  
19 Summit; she also advanced engagement in two vital issues by  
20 establishing the Racial Justice Task Force and the Climate Justice  
21 Committee; and

22           WHEREAS, Ms. Garibay came to the United States from Mexico  
23 City and became a citizen two decades later; a graduate of The  
24 University of Texas at Austin, she holds bachelor's degrees in

1 applied learning and development and in Spanish language teaching  
2 and a master's degree in bilingual education; she taught bilingual  
3 pre-kindergarten in the Austin Independent School District for  
4 eight years and began her career in the labor movement as vice  
5 president for certified employees for Education Austin; and

6 WHEREAS, Montserrat Garibay has made a positive difference in  
7 the lives of countless Texans as both an educator and a fearless  
8 voice for working families, and the Department of Education is  
9 indeed fortunate to benefit from her experience and expertise in  
10 both realms; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Montserrat Garibay on her  
13 appointment as senior advisor for labor relations in the Office of  
14 the Secretary of the United States Department of Education and  
15 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Ms. Garibay as an expression of high regard by the  
19 Texas House of Representatives.