

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Olga Ramirez Gallegos, who is receiving the 2003 Hispanic Women in Leadership Empowerment Award; and

**WHEREAS**, The award is being presented by the Hispanic Women in Leadership organization and *Catalina* magazine at the Empowering Latinas event and reception on August 7, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Women in Leadership was formed as an organization in 1988 to encourage and promote the development and advancement of Hispanic women, provide a network for mutual support and professional interaction, recognize successful, career-oriented role models, and encourage Hispanic women to embrace and celebrate their cultural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Gallegos has been a member and active volunteer in many civic organizations over the years; her work is a legacy she inherited from her father, a pioneer activist in the Hispanic community of Houston's East End and cofounder of the first chapter in Houston of the League of United Latin American Citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Her community work is a vocation she shared with her late husband, Mario Gallegos, Sr., a prominent community activist, and which she has passed on to her seven children, who have each followed in her footsteps; and

**WHEREAS**, For 16 years, she has been a trustee of the Houston Independent School District and has served in numerous positions on the board, including that of president in 1998; she was also a member of the Houston Community College Board of Trustees, and the Houston Community College System recently named a scholarship in her honor; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Gallegos has been active in the Harris County Democratic Party and served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in New York City and an alternate delegate with the Texas Challenging Delegation to the 1968 convention; she holds the distinction of being the first Hispanic judge to serve in Precinct 64 in Houston; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the years, she has received much recognition and numerous awards for her community activities, including the Fiestas Patrias Mexican American Recognition Award and the Metro 2000 La Familia Award; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary Hispanic role model, Olga Gallegos is a source of strength to others, and her worthy accomplishments reflect her dedication and her commitment to all of the Houston community; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Olga Ramirez Gallegos for her exceptional achievements and congratulate her on receiving the Hispanic Women in Leadership Empowerment Award; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 24, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate