

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 161

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Belén Plasencia of Laredo, who has been selected Youth of the Year by the United States Border Patrol and Senator Judith Zaffirini; and

WHEREAS, Belén Plasencia is a senior at United South High School, where she excels academically and plays an active role as a student leader; and

WHEREAS, Belén has served as class president all four years in high school and has been a member of the Superintendent's Advisory Board for the United Independent School District; she has participated in many other extracurricular activities and programs, including Peer Assistance Leadership, the Science Club, the Drama Club and University Interscholastic League Prose and Poetry; and

WHEREAS, Belén Plasencia consistently demonstrates compassion and concern for others through her community service; she has volunteered many hours of service to the Mercy Junior Volunteers, Texas Rural Legal Aid, the Santo Niño Mission Church and other worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, For her exceptional accomplishments, she has received more than 15 honors, including the Mirabeau B. Lamar Medal Award, the Presidential Classroom Award and the Rotary Youth Leadership Counselor Award; and

WHEREAS, Belén Plasencia is a strong and independent young woman who plans to pursue studies in political science and mass communications in college; she looks forward to eventually participating in politics and in women's leadership development worldwide; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Belén Plasencia on her selection as Youth of the Year and extend best wishes to her for the future; and, be it further

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

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2004.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate