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H.R. No. 480

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 13, 2003, the El Paso Commission for Women
2 is inducting Joan H. Quarm into its Hall of Fame; and

3 WHEREAS, Established in 1985, the commission is composed of
4 El Paso citizens who are committed to the pursuit of equal rights
5 and responsibilities for all women; inductees to the organization's
6 Hall of Fame are recognized in one of five categories, including
7 arts, civic leadership, education, professional, and public
8 service; and

9 WHEREAS, Selected for the arts category, Ms. Quarm has given
10 generously of her time and talents to provide El Paso residents with
11 the opportunity to enjoy local theater productions; during the
12 course of her career, she has been instrumental in founding The
13 Theater, Festival Theater, and Los Pobres Bilingual Theater, as
14 well as the Gilbert and Sullivan Company of El Paso, which she
15 currently directs; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed woman served 20 years as
17 an arts columnist and critic for a local paper, spent a decade
18 hosting a weekly radio program on the arts, and has shared her
19 experience with countless aspiring artists as a well-known speaker;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, A professor in the English department of The
22 University of Texas at El Paso for some 28 years, Ms. Quarm was
23 named associate professor emerita after her 1984 retirement from
24 the school; over the years, she has also received the city's

1 Conquistador Award, the Minnie Stevens Piper Professorship, a
2 Centennial Leaders Mentors of Today Award, and designation as Woman
3 of the Year in 1979 by the El Paso Women's Political Caucus; and

4 WHEREAS, The success of the State of Texas, the strength of
5 our communities, and the overall vitality of American society
6 depend on the dedication of people like Joan Quarm, who use their
7 considerable talents and resources to serve others, and it is a
8 privilege to join in honoring her at this time; now, therefore, be
9 it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Joan H. Quarm on her induction into
12 the El Paso Commission for Women's Hall of Fame and extend to her
13 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
14 further

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