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H.R. No. 484

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

10 WHEREAS, Selected for the public service category, Judge
11 Macias is credited with greatly improving the lives of countless
12 Texas youth by establishing El Paso's Children's Court, a program
13 that has been hailed as a model for children's courts throughout the
14 nation; and

15 WHEREAS, Only four years after the court's 1995 inception, El
16 Paso's adoption rate for foster children increased by 300 percent,
17 and this dramatic success is due, in large part, to the vision and
18 diligence of Judge Macias; and

19 WHEREAS, Through various public and private collaborations
20 and countless hours spent educating the community on the effects of
21 child abuse and neglect, Judge Macias has built a brighter and more
22 promising future for the children of El Paso, and her efforts have
23 won the respect and admiration of people throughout the state and
24 nation; and

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

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Patricia Macias on her induction
9 into the El Paso Commission for Women's Hall of Fame and extend to
10 her sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and,
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Judge Macias as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.