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H.R. No. 741

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The M.A.N.O. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Odessa 2 has been in existence for 10 years and celebrated this important 3 milestone with a gala event on March 13, 2003, keynoted by United 4 States Treasurer Rosario Marin; and

5 WHEREAS, M.A.N.O. has been recognized on both state and 6 national levels as the Hispanic Chamber of the Year and, under the 7 able leadership of executive director Iris Correa, it is a model 8 that is emulated by Hispanic chambers of commerce across the U.S.; 9 and

10 WHEREAS, The organization offers a multitude of financial and 11 business development services, including financial aid paperwork 12 processing, home equity loan application processing, and HUD 13 certification application processing, primarily focusing on 14 Hispanic and small business issues; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2000, M.A.N.O. established the Permian Basin 16 Business Development Center in an effort to champion the economic 17 development of small businesses and the community at large; and

18 WHEREAS, A leader in business community integration, 19 M.A.N.O. provides Hispanic leadership training and development; 20 the group serves the low- and moderate-income market, relying on 21 volunteer-based assistance to guide these segments into the 22 business mainstream; and

23 WHEREAS, By providing area residents with essential 24 information and support to succeed in business, the M.A.N.O.

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H.R. No. 741 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is creating a brighter future for this state; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas 4 Legislature hereby recognize the M.A.N.O. Hispanic Chamber of 5 Commerce for its dedication to the economic development of the 6 Permian Basin and West Texas and extend to all those associated with 7 M.A.N.O. sincere best wishes for future success; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 9 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the 10 Texas House of Representatives.

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