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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Proyecto Azteca of San Juan, Texas, has been 2 selected as one of eight organizations to be honored by Families 3 Count: The National Honors Program; and

WHEREAS, Families Count recognizes exemplary work in support of families in low-income communities, and the men and women affiliated with Proyecto Azteca have demonstrated a commitment to improving the lives of low-income colonia residents and migrant families in the Rio Grande Valley by providing access to affordable housing, education programs, citizenship classes, and loan programs for starting or expanding businesses; and

WHEREAS, Proyecto Azteca was created by members and staff of the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, with the assistance of Texas Rural Legal Aid and the Texas Low-Income Housing Information Service, to provide viable, affordable housing to low-income residents of the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, Since the establishment of Proyecto Azteca in 1991, its staff and volunteers have worked alongside the members of the United Farm Workers to strengthen communities and build hope for a brighter future for children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Each of the eight organizations selected as a Families Count honoree receives a \$500,000 unrestricted award that is paid over three years; the award is presented through the Annie E. Casey Foundation, which sponsors this commendable program; and WHEREAS, By embracing the idea that children do well when

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- 1 their families do well, Proyecto Azteca and the other organizations
- 2 that have been honored are changing the future by changing the
- 3 present, and all those associated with these efforts are deserving
- 4 of praise; now, therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 6 Legislature hereby congratulate the leaders, staff, and volunteers
- 7 of Proyecto Azteca on their receipt of this exceptional honor and
- 8 commend them for their outstanding service to colonia residents and
- 9 migrant families in the Rio Grande Valley; and, be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 11 prepared for those individuals who have contributed to the success
- 12 of Proyecto Azteca as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 13 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 796 was adopted by the House on April 25, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House