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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, Each of the eight organizations selected as a  
21 Families Count honoree receives a \$500,000 unrestricted award that  
22 is paid over three years; the award is presented through the Annie  
23 E. Casey Foundation, which sponsors this commendable program; and

24 WHEREAS, By embracing the idea that children do well when

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.