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H.R. No. 997

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Judge Mary Alice Palacios, justice of the peace for  
2 Precinct 4, Place 2, in Hidalgo County, merits commendation for her  
3 commitment to the youth under her jurisdiction; and

4           WHEREAS, As justice of the peace she handles small claims,  
5 landlord-tenant issues, and death inquests, but much of her time  
6 and energy is dedicated to presiding over Edinburg Consolidated  
7 School District truancy cases and cases involving students and  
8 parents, and during her first year handling school cases, the  
9 district obtained \$2.2 million in state funding and raised its  
10 attendance rate markedly; and

11           WHEREAS, A 1990 graduate of the police academy, she holds an  
12 intermediate peace officers license and has ably managed county and  
13 district courts for 14 years; next year she will add presiding over  
14 Edcouch-Elsa school district cases to her current impressive  
15 workload; and

16           WHEREAS, This esteemed public servant has also served with  
17 distinction on numerous boards, including the Edinburg Boys and  
18 Girls Club, Kiwanis Club of Edinburg, United Farm Workers Labor  
19 Council, Hidalgo County Restitution Center, and the Homer Salinas  
20 Rehabilitation Center; in addition, she demonstrated exceptional  
21 leadership during her five-year tenure as president of the American  
22 Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees and currently  
23 serves on the Texas Justice Court Education Committee; and

24           WHEREAS, Distinguished by her remarkable dedication to

1 creating a brighter future for her fellow citizens, Judge Palacios  
2 is an inspiration to all who know her, and it is indeed appropriate  
3 that she receive special recognition; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Mary Alice Palacios on her  
6 notable service to her community and extend to her sincere best  
7 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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