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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Each spring the Texas Commission on Environmental
2 Quality (TCEQ) honors the state's most outstanding waste reduction
3 and pollution prevention projects, presenting Texas Environmental
4 Excellence Awards to individuals, organizations, schools, and
5 businesses that have created successful programs to conserve and
6 protect the environment; the awards are presented in a variety of
7 categories, and this year first-time nominee Hidalgo County
8 Precinct 1 has been selected as one of only five finalists in the
9 government category; and

10 WHEREAS, Under the able guidance of county commissioner
11 Sylvia S. Handy, Hidalgo County Precinct 1 has developed an
12 exemplary solid waste management program that consists of several
13 key components, including a citizen collection station program, a
14 solid waste enforcement system, a recycling and reuse initiative,
15 and a "Keep it Clean" environmental education campaign; the
16 precinct's efforts have proven extremely successful and beneficial
17 to the county, and the program has gained recognition for its
18 innovative approach; and

19 WHEREAS, The Texas Environmental Excellence Award program,
20 which is considered by many environmental leaders to be one of the
21 best in the country, received more than 50 applications from
22 governmental entities this year, and Hidalgo County Precinct 1 was
23 one of only five finalists chosen from this group, a feat all the
24 more remarkable because this year marked the first time that the

1 precinct had applied for award consideration; as part of the
2 application process, the precinct compiled extensive narratives,
3 video footage of sanitation projects, and supplemental photographs
4 and materials to show the judges the precinct's unique and highly
5 effective approach to promoting sound management of solid waste in
6 Hidalgo County; and

7 WHEREAS, Community residents are justifiably proud of the
8 success of the staff of Precinct 1, as well as of Commissioner
9 Sylvia S. Handy, for their outstanding efforts to protect the
10 environment of Hidalgo County; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Hidalgo County Precinct 1 on being
13 named a finalist in the government category of the Texas Commission
14 on Environmental Quality Environmental Excellence Award program
15 and commend Commissioner Sylvia S. Handy for her dedication and
16 hard work in behalf of her constituents; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Hidalgo County Precinct 1 as an expression of high
19 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.