

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 529

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Rebecca Rodriguez, who has been selected as a role model for the City of El Paso by the *El Paso Times* on the occasion of Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is celebrated annually during the month of March; to honor the vital roles women play in shaping new directions and ideas in society, the national theme of Women's History Month in 2003 is "Women Pioneering the Future"; and

WHEREAS, For its selection of women who serve as role models for the City of El Paso, the *El Paso Times* invited its readers to nominate women who have made a strong impact on their family, their neighborhood, or the entire city; the many deserving women who were selected for this public recognition are genuine trailblazers in a wide variety of fields; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Rodriguez is a first generation college graduate, who overcame dyslexia to earn a master's degree in cultural anthropology; she is a 119-pound boxer who is ranked ninth in the nation by the United States Amateur Boxing Association; and

WHEREAS, She participates in numerous nonprofit organizations in central El Paso, including Las Americas Refugee Asylum Project, La Fe Centro de Salud Familiar, the Border Rights Coalition, and the Court Appointed Special Advocates, and she has worked for 10 years to bring attention to discrimination and poverty; her work includes coordinating the statewide conference for the Texas

Immigrant and Refugee Coalition and organizing a human rights conference at The University of Texas at El Paso; and

WHEREAS, With her many gifts and talents and through her initiative and perseverance, Rebecca has set a lasting standard for others to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Her worthy accomplishments and her pioneering spirit truly make Rebecca an inspiration for all citizens of El Paso and a source of pride for all Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Rebecca Rodriguez on her selection as a role model for the City of El Paso; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate