By: Escobar H.R. No. 359

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Paula Vargas of Harlingen has significantly contributed to the betterment of the community she is proud to call home, and her professional and personal achievements and civic engagement are indeed commendable; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Vargas has also greatly benefited the Harlingen Kiwanis Club as a board member, and as a member of its education committee, she was highly instrumental in developing a scholarship program for local youth; moreover, she has served on the board of the Harlingen Community Development Center, worked closely with special-needs students in Harlingen ISD, volunteered with the Cameron County Mental Health and Retardation Center, and officiated as head coach and umpire for the American Little League Team; and

WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, she has enjoyed the love and support of her husband of 40 years, Jose G. Vargas; a loving mother to eight children, five of them adopted, she has opened her heart and home to some 60 foster children over the years; and

24 WHEREAS, Paula Vargas is an inspiration to all who are

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- 1 privileged to know her, and her efforts have made a positive
- 2 difference in the lives of countless Texans; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
- 4 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby recognize Paula Vargas for
- 5 her many contributions to the Harlingen community and extend to her
- 6 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further
- 7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 8 prepared for her as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
- 9 of Representatives.