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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The El Paso Lighthouse for the Blind has honored
2 several area citizens for their sterling work in support of that
3 agency's philanthropic mission; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1934, this notable organization
5 offers training, resources, and services that provide the blind and
6 visually impaired with access to the opportunities and quality of
7 life available to everyone around them; its programs include
8 on-the-job training and employment, youth activities, low-vision
9 and ocular services, Braille classes, transportation, counseling
10 and peer support, and computer technology training, in addition to
11 instruction in orientation, mobility, and independent living
12 skills; and

13 WHEREAS, Recipients of the 2004 Lighthouse awards include
14 John McCain, Volunteer of the Year; Victor Galaviz, Federal
15 Contracts Department Employee of the Year; Ester Munoz, State
16 Contracts Department Employee of the Year; Lucy Ramirez,
17 Assembly/Packaging Department Employee of the Year; and Rusty
18 Hooten, Professional Staff Excellence Award-winner; past
19 recipients include Marianne Osgood Fleager, winner of the 2002
20 Professional Staff Excellence Award, and Yolanda Guzman, winner of
21 the 2003 Professional Staff Excellence Award; and

22 WHEREAS, For seven decades, the El Paso Lighthouse has
23 provided essential services to the visually impaired of Southwest
24 Texas, and its contributions to the community have been

1 immeasurably aided by the outstanding efforts of these dedicated
2 men and women; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate these esteemed citizens on their
5 receipt of El Paso Lighthouse for the Blind recognition and commend
6 this exemplary organization for its vital support of the visually
7 impaired.