

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Paula Lopez-Villanueva of Weslaco has successfully
2 made the journey from migrant worker to small-business owner
3 through hard work, determination, and vision; and

4 WHEREAS, Emigrating from Nuevo Progreso, Mexico, to Weslaco
5 in 1979 at the age of 14, Ms. Lopez-Villanueva developed her strong
6 work ethic at a young age working with her family in vegetable
7 fields across the United States until the age of 25; and

8 WHEREAS, Recognizing that furthering her education would
9 enable her to provide more for her four children, this resourceful
10 young woman enrolled at South Texas Community College and, two
11 years later, earned an associate's degree in accounting; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Lopez-Villanueva excelled in her new job as an
13 office manager for a sign company, but longed to go into business
14 for herself; with the love and support of her husband, Santos
15 Villanueva, she turned this dream into a reality and opened
16 All-Valley Waste, a trash collection service for small
17 subdivisions, colonias, and rural areas not serviced by city
18 contracts; and

19 WHEREAS, The company has since thrived, increasing its
20 customer base from two to more than 800 in the course of a single
21 year, and with plans to increase services, All-Valley Waste will
22 undoubtedly continue to prosper in the future; and

23 WHEREAS, Paula Lopez-Villanueva has worked hard to own and
24 operate her own business, which in turn provides an important

1 service to many people in underserved areas; now, therefore, be it
2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Paula Lopez-Villanueva on her
4 achievements as a small-business owner and extend to her sincere
5 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Ms. Lopez-Villanueva as an expression of high regard
8 by the Texas House of Representatives.

Martinez

H.R. No. 438

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 438 was adopted by the House on March 3, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House