

By: Martinez

H.R. No. 438

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.