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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Founded in 1968, the National Council of La Raza  
2 (NCLR) is the largest constituency-based Hispanic organization in  
3 the country and the leading voice in Washington, D.C., and across  
4 the nation for the Hispanic community; and

5           WHEREAS, Reaching more than four million Hispanics, NCLR  
6 works through a formal network of affiliates, which consists of  
7 over 300 Hispanic community-based organizations that serve 41  
8 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, as well as a  
9 broader network of more than 35,000 groups and individuals  
10 nationwide; and

11           WHEREAS, In Texas, some of the oldest and most successful  
12 Latino nonprofit organizations are affiliates of NCLR; education is  
13 a key focus of these groups, and a number of charter schools that  
14 are associated with NCLR are visiting the Capitol today; these  
15 include the Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans'  
16 George I. Sanchez School, which has operated in Houston for more  
17 than 30 years, and the Mexican American Unity Council's La Escuela  
18 de las Americas School in San Antonio, an open-enrollment,  
19 dual-language charter school serving prekindergarten to fifth  
20 grade; and

21           WHEREAS, Other notable organizations include American  
22 YouthWorks in Austin, a Points of Light Foundation Presidential  
23 Service Award winner, the Gulf Coast Council of La Raza, which runs  
24 a successful charter school in Corpus Christi, as well as the Texas

1 Migrant Council, Community Council of Southwest Texas, Draw  
2 Academy, Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe, First Mexican Baptist  
3 Church, Information Referral Resource Assistance, Inc., Southwest  
4 Key Program, Tejano Center for Community Concerns, Student  
5 Alternatives Program, and Latino Learning Center; and

6 WHEREAS, Also present at the Capitol today is NCLR president  
7 Janet Murguia, who previously worked at the White House as deputy  
8 assistant to President Bill Clinton and deputy director of  
9 legislative affairs, serving as a senior White House liaison to  
10 congress; selected by *Hispanic* magazine for its annual list of "100  
11 Top Latinas" for the second consecutive year, she was also named by  
12 *Hispanic Business* magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential  
13 Hispanics" and one of "80 Elite Hispanic Women"; and

14 WHEREAS, Through its Texas affiliates, NCLR continues to  
15 improve life opportunities and provide an important voice for  
16 Hispanic residents of the Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to  
17 welcome the organization's president and representatives from NCLR  
18 affiliates to the State Capitol; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby recognize all those individuals associated with  
21 the National Council of La Raza here with us today and extend to  
22 them sincere best wishes for a memorable and rewarding visit to  
23 Austin.