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H.R. No. 663

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Belen Robles has significantly contributed to the
2 betterment of her hometown of El Paso as well as to the national
3 Latin American community through her myriad achievements as an
4 accomplished leader; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in 1936, Ms. Robles graduated from Bowie High
6 School in 1954; four years later, she began a distinguished 41-year
7 career with the U.S. Customs Service, where she earned the
8 distinction of being the first woman to be chief inspector at the El
9 Paso port of entry; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1994, Ms. Robles claimed another first when she
11 was elected as the first woman to be president of the national
12 League of United Latin American Citizens; serving four consecutive
13 terms, she ably led LULAC in its worthy mission of advancing the
14 economic, educational, political, health, and civil rights of the
15 Hispanic population of the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the years, this esteemed Texan has garnered
17 innumerable honors and awards, including a Hispanic Achievement
18 Award for community service from *Hispanic* magazine, a National Hero
19 Award from the U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute, and the
20 McDonald's Hispanos Triunfadores Award; a 2004 inductee of the El
21 Paso Women's Hall of Fame, she was also recognized for her activism
22 by the National Hispana Leadership Institute; and

23 WHEREAS, Since her retirement in 1999, Ms. Robles has
24 remained actively involved with community affairs, sharing her time

1 and considerable expertise with the Hispanic Cultural Institute,
2 the El Paso Group, the Paso Al Norte Immigration Museum, and the El
3 Paso Museum of History, where she serves on the advisory committee;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Working across gender and ethnic lines, Belen Robles
6 has truly made a profound difference in the Latin American
7 community and beyond, and her remarkable achievements have produced
8 results of lasting benefit to her fellow citizens; now, therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize Belen Robles for her many noteworthy
12 accomplishments and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
13 success with her important work; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Ms. Robles as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.