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H.R. No. 812

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A gifted artist, educator, and civic leader, Lupe
2 Casillas-Lowenberg of El Paso has made an indelible impact on the
3 creative vitality of her West Texas city; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Casillas-Lowenberg is a talented muralist who
5 has taught reading, special education, and the visual arts in El
6 Paso and New Mexico since 1966; her public art murals include "A
7 Myriad of Faces," "A Celebration of Women and Children," and "Our
8 Lady of Guadalupe and Juan Diego in Our Community"; and

9 WHEREAS, Currently, she serves as the program director and
10 gallery curator of La Galeria de la Mision de Senecu, sponsored by
11 the Ysleta Independent School District department of fine arts and
12 located at the Student Entrepreneur Center; in the gallery, she
13 designs and implements art education for students, parents,
14 teachers, and the community in a multicultural environment; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Casillas-Lowenberg earned her bachelor's degree
16 in art education from The University of Texas at El Paso and her
17 master's degree in human resources, art, and art therapy from
18 Webster University; in addition to receiving a Texas teacher's
19 certificate for special education, she was trained in museum and
20 gallery education through the National Association of Art
21 Education; her studio skills were honed when she studied muralism
22 at the University of Guadalajara and took private sculpture classes
23 with Militon Salas; and

24 WHEREAS, This esteemed educator and artist has received the

1 Hispanos Triunfadores Award for Art and has been inducted into the
2 El Paso Commission for Women Hall of Fame; she has also been
3 recognized by Leadership El Paso and National Hispanic Leadership
4 for Youth for her mentorship of women and youth in the arts; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Casillas-Lowenberg's commitment to the arts
6 includes membership on the City of El Paso Public Arts Commission,
7 the El Paso Museum of Art Advisory Board, and the State Advisory
8 Board of VSA of Texas; she has been justly selected to participate
9 in the National Institute of Education for Mexicans in the Exterior
10 in Mexico City; and

11 WHEREAS, Lupe Casillas-Lowenberg is truly an inspiration,
12 both as a working artist and as an educator; her civic engagement
13 and professional career are dedicated to her beloved city of El
14 Paso, which continues to flourish under her artistic wing; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
17 Legislature hereby commend Lupe Casillas-Lowenberg for her civic,
18 educational, and artistic contributions and extend to her sincere
19 best wishes for continued success and achievement; and, be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Ms. Casillas-Lowenberg as an expression of high regard
23 by the Texas House of Representatives.