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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Letty Martinez was named president of the Edinburg
2 Chamber of Commerce in October 2004, and this well-deserved
3 promotion is the result of nearly 20 years of dedicated service to
4 Hidalgo County and its business community; and

5 WHEREAS, Raised in Monte Alto, Ms. Martinez began her career
6 with the chamber in 1988 as an office clerk; drawing on life lessons
7 learned from her grandmother, she eventually held every position
8 within the organization, including secretary to the assistant
9 manager, office manager, and director of membership; and

10 WHEREAS, In the early years of her tenure, Ms. Martinez
11 actively sought information about the chamber, while
12 simultaneously working to overcome her own shyness, in order to
13 seize opportunities and learn more about Edinburg's business
14 network; her transformation from reserved aide to strong leader has
15 allowed her to assume the responsibilities of president of the
16 570-member chamber; and

17 WHEREAS, Today Ms. Martinez serves on the executive board,
18 makes recommendations to the board of directors, interacts with the
19 press, organizes events, and oversees a full-time staff; she
20 promotes the organization as the voice of Edinburg's business
21 community and fosters its impeccable reputation as a valuable
22 referral service; and

23 WHEREAS, This dynamic woman also leads tours of the chamber's
24 office, a former depot for the Southern Pacific Railroad, and

1 educates the public about its unique history; she regularly meets
2 with city representatives and administrators from The University of
3 Texas-Pan American and the Edinburg Economic Development Council to
4 cooperate on city improvements; and

5 WHEREAS, Blessed with a devoted and loving family, Letty
6 Martinez is supported in her endeavors by her husband, Joe, and
7 their sons, J. J., Jeremy, and Jacob; her service and influence
8 extend far beyond Hidalgo County's business community, and she has
9 indeed established herself as one of Edinburg's most esteemed
10 citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized
12 Letty Martinez by passing this resolution in her behalf during the
13 Regular Session of the 79th Texas Legislature; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Letty Martinez on her appointment
17 as president of the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce and commend her for
18 her outstanding career achievements; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Ms. Martinez as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.