## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Norma V. Cantu of San Antonio has made an exceptional contribution to the State of Texas as a member of the board of the Mexican American Legislative Leadership Foundation (MALLF) ; and

WHEREAS, MALLF is dedicated to the professional development of Latino youth and sponsors the Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program, which provides opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to serve as policy interns and fellows for members of the Texas House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, A former assistant secretary for civil rights in the U.S. Department of Education, Ms. Cantu graduated from Harvard Law School at the age of 22 and has contributed to several important education lawsuits; she is currently a visiting professor at The University of Texas at Austin, where she teaches in the College of Education and the School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Committed to the needs of the Hispanic community, this esteemed professional has distinguished herself as regional counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and national director of the MALDEF Education Litigation and Advocacy Project; and

WHEREAS, The strength of our communities depends on the dedication of individuals like Norma Cantu, who has consistently worked to promote government and civic participation, and it is a privilege to recognize her accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature hereby honor Norma V. Cantu for her outstanding service as a member of the board of the Mexican American Legislative Leadership Foundation and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and achievement; and, be it further

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

