

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1031

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize renowned journalist and television personality Cristina Saralegui, who is introducing a new line of furniture, Casa Cristina, at Star Furniture in Houston on June 8, 2005; and

WHEREAS, In honor of Cristina and the unveiling of her extraordinary new line of furniture, Star Furniture is making a donation to Neighborhood Centers, Incorporated, Ripley House and the Mexican Women's Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Cristina is a 30-year veteran journalist and the star of her own television talk show, and she is widely recognized as one of the most influential Hispanic women today; and

WHEREAS, Since the premier of *The Cristina Show* on the Univision Network in 1989, she has completed more than 3,000 shows and received 10 Emmy awards; ranked first among Spanish language television programs produced in the United States, her show has 100 million viewers worldwide and is shown throughout the United States, Latin America, and most European countries; and

WHEREAS, Cristina uses her celebrity status to further her philanthropic work, which ranges from helping to educate parents on the care of their newborns to AIDS awareness and research; she and her husband, Marcos Avila, established the Arriba la Vida/Up With Life Foundation in 1996 to focus on educating Hispanics about AIDS; and

WHEREAS, A resourceful humanitarian and a highly talented and successful talk show host, Cristina Saralegui has truly made a difference in the world, and she has been recognized by numerous organizations for her dedication and commitment to both her professional career and her work in community service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Cristina Saralegui for her exceptional achievements and service to others and extend to her congratulations on the debut of her new line of furniture, Casa Cristina; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate