

By: Gallego

H.R. No. 26

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In a decade of service as the Presidio County
2 attorney and in her ongoing involvement in regional civic issues,
3 Teresa Todd has established herself as a caring and dedicated
4 individual who has made a significant contribution to improving the
5 quality of life in West Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, Appointed to the office of county attorney in 1994,
7 Ms. Todd won the approval of voters in the elections of 1996, 2000,
8 and 2004; in addition to fulfilling her duties as the county's chief
9 legal counsel, she oversaw many important initiatives during her
10 time in office; in the late 1990s, she represented Presidio County
11 in the successful effort to prevent the establishment of a
12 low-level nuclear waste disposal facility in nearby Hudspeth
13 County; during her second elected term, she wrote the successful
14 grant requests that secured funding for restoration of the historic
15 Presidio County Courthouse and for an overhaul of the county's
16 juvenile justice system and was a driving force in the
17 establishment of the Tri-County Juvenile Probation Department; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Todd has been active in a number of important
19 civic endeavors, including the Far West Texas Water Planning Group,
20 where she is a member of the voting membership; in addition, she was
21 president of the founding board for the Children's Advocacy Center
22 of the Big Bend, Inc., a nonprofit organization that assists abused
23 and neglected children; a respected legal authority, she has also
24 served with the Juvenile Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and

1 the State Bar Committee for Legal Services to the Poor in Criminal
2 Matters and is presently a member of the Rio Grande Council of
3 Governments Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee; and

4 WHEREAS, Raised near Hamilton, Ms. Todd graduated summa cum
5 laude from Texas A&M University before earning her law degree from
6 The University of Texas at Austin; she came to West Texas in 1994
7 after practicing law in Austin; her legal expertise and concern for
8 the well-being of local residents has made her a much-appreciated
9 addition to the region, and her service was honored in 2005 when she
10 received the Judge Ann Scudday Extended Excellence in Service Award
11 from the Rio Grande Council of Governments; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Todd retired as county attorney in December 2004
13 in order to spend additional time with her two young sons, Shadix
14 and Haden, and her husband, Marc Wetzell, but she remains deeply
15 committed to her community and to making West Texas an even better
16 place to live, and her many achievements, both as county attorney
17 and as a civic volunteer, are deserving of commendation; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
20 Legislature hereby honor Teresa Todd for her many contributions to
21 Presidio County and the greater West Texas region and extend to her
22 best wishes for future happiness and success; and, be it further

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