

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Pioneering broadcast journalist Elma Barrera is  
2 receiving the Woman of the Year Award from the Houston chapter of  
3 the League of United Latin American Citizens on February 12, 2007;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Born and raised in Texas, Elma Barrera graduated  
6 from the University of Houston with a degree in English and Spanish  
7 literature; after working in Mexico City for several years, she  
8 returned to Houston and helped to organize the first National  
9 Hispanic Women's Conference, an important event in the Chicano  
10 movement of the 1970s; and

11           WHEREAS, This talented professional has been a  
12 groundbreaking broadcast journalist for many years; at radio  
13 station KAUM she hosted the first weekly program about Hispanics on  
14 an English-language station in Houston, and on Channel 8, Houston's  
15 PBS station, she anchored the city's first television news program  
16 in Spanish; she was also a cofounder of Channel 45, Houston's first  
17 Spanish-language television station; and

18           WHEREAS, Starting as an intern at KTRK, Houston's Channel 13,  
19 in the early 1970s, Ms. Barrera was promoted to the post of reporter  
20 three months later, becoming Houston's first female Hispanic TV  
21 journalist; as one of the most respected reporters in Houston  
22 broadcasting, she has covered earthquakes and the visits of  
23 dignitaries, but her chief focus has always been issues of concern  
24 to the Hispanic community of Houston; and

1           WHEREAS, Her engagement with the community has been further  
2 deepened by her active participation in many organizations; she was  
3 a cofounder of the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the  
4 Houston Association of Hispanic Media Professionals, and Hispanic  
5 Women in Leadership; she has also served on the boards of the  
6 Houston Alzheimer's Association, the Baylor College of Medicine  
7 Children's Vaccination Project, and Teatro Bilingue; moreover, she  
8 was chosen by the White House as one of four local organizers of the  
9 first International Women's Conference; and

10           WHEREAS, Her myriad accomplishments and contributions to  
11 Houston have been honored by numerous awards; she was one of the  
12 first inductees into the National Association of Hispanic  
13 Journalists Hall of Fame, and she is also the recipient of a  
14 Lifetime Achievement Award from her alma mater, Jack Yates Senior  
15 High School; and

16           WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, Elma Barrera has been a  
17 groundbreaking broadcaster, a welcome presence in the homes of  
18 Houston's TV viewers, and a committed champion for her community  
19 and her profession; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Elma Barrera on being named Woman  
22 of the Year by the Houston Chapter of the League of United Latin  
23 American Citizens and extend best wishes to her for continued  
24 success; and, be it further

H.R. No. 407

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

Noriega

H.R. No. 407

---

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 407 was adopted by the House on March 1, 2007, by a non-record vote.

---

Chief Clerk of the House