

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Janie Barrera, the president and CEO of ACCION  
2 Texas, was inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame on  
3 March 1, 2007, in recognition of her civic leadership; and

4           WHEREAS, Founded by Ms. Barrera in 1994, ACCION Texas is a  
5 nonprofit fund that offers micro-loans to small businesses that are  
6 not served by traditional lending institutions; more than 80  
7 percent of the borrowers are Hispanic or African American, nearly  
8 half are women, and most have incomes at or below the federal  
9 poverty line; and

10           WHEREAS, With an average amount of \$7,900, ACCION loans  
11 enable these borrowers to enhance the working capital of their  
12 businesses, stabilize their incomes, create new jobs, and  
13 contribute to the economic revitalization of their communities; and

14           WHEREAS, Starting with one office in San Antonio, ACCION  
15 Texas has grown under Ms. Barrera's leadership into a statewide  
16 program with offices in Houston, Austin, Brownsville, McAllen, El  
17 Paso, Dallas/Fort Worth, Corpus Christi, Laredo, and 80 rural Texas  
18 counties; and

19           WHEREAS, Recognized by the Association for Enterprise  
20 Opportunity as the largest micro-lender in the United States,  
21 ACCION Texas has disbursed more than \$51 million in small loans to  
22 5,000 low-income and moderate-income business owners, generating  
23 \$81 million in economic activity as well as over 900 new jobs;  
24 ACCION Texas also provides its borrowers with training in finance,

1 management, and business practices; and

2 WHEREAS, Janie Barrera has brought more than 20 years of  
3 management, marketing, fund-raising, and community-building  
4 expertise to this invaluable enterprise, and her compassionate and  
5 innovative approach has no doubt improved the lives of countless  
6 hardworking Texans; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Janie Barrera on her induction into  
9 the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame and extend to her best wishes  
10 for continued success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Ms. Barrera as an expression of high esteem by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.

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Craddick	Gattis	Miles
Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
Gallego	Menendez	Zedler
Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

H.R. No. 936

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 936 was adopted by the House on April 5, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House