

By: Anchia

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Adelfa Botello Callejo has been recognized by the  
2 Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law with the  
3 institution's highest honor, the Robert G. Storey Award for  
4 Distinguished Achievement; and

5           WHEREAS, Mrs. Callejo is a fitting recipient of this  
6 prestigious accolade, as she has built a legal career filled with  
7 extraordinary accomplishments and meaningful service to her  
8 community; and

9           WHEREAS, The child of an immigrant, who instilled in her the  
10 value of education, Mrs. Callejo was brought up to believe that  
11 helping those less fortunate was the duty of every human being;  
12 taking this lesson to heart, she chose to become a lawyer so she  
13 could fight for the rights of the disenfranchised, and in  
14 fulfilling this noble goal she has not only aided countless  
15 individuals, but also distinguished herself as a true trailblazer  
16 in the field of law; and

17           WHEREAS, The first Hispanic woman to graduate from SMU law  
18 school and to practice law in Dallas, Mrs. Callejo is a partner in  
19 the firm of Callejo & Callejo along with her most ardent supporter,  
20 Bill Callejo, her husband of 60 years; her many professional  
21 successes include winning notable victories for low-income clients  
22 and defendants previously denied effective legal counsel, as well  
23 as settling multimillion-dollar claims against companies ignoring  
24 safety regulations; and

1           WHEREAS, Throughout her outstanding career, she has never  
2           wavered from her position as a passionate advocate for the  
3           advancement of Hispanics, both in and out of the courtroom; she has  
4           funded educational endeavors and community programs and supported  
5           efforts to teach new residents about U.S. laws and rights and to  
6           educate people in the non-Hispanic community about the plight of  
7           immigrants; in addition, she cofounded the Mexican-American Bar  
8           Association of Texas and served as a past regional president of the  
9           Hispanic National Bar Association; and

10           WHEREAS, This notable Texan has been lauded numerous times  
11           for her important work, receiving the American Bar Association's  
12           Spirit of Excellence Award and the Texas Peace Officers  
13           Association's Humanitarian Award; other honors include the 2006  
14           Sandra Day O'Connor Award and the Hispanic National Bar  
15           Association's Lincoln-Juarez Award; and

16           WHEREAS, Mrs. Callejo is an inspiration to all who are  
17           privileged to know her, and she is most deserving of special  
18           recognition for her decades of selfless service in behalf of her  
19           community; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
21           Legislature hereby commend Adelfa Botello Callejo on her notable  
22           career, congratulate her on her receipt of the Robert G. Storey  
23           Award for Distinguished Achievement from the SMU Dedman School of  
24           Law, and extend to her best wishes for the future; and, be it  
25           further

26           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27           prepared for Mrs. Callejo as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.