

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, the U.S. Small Business  
2 Administration has recognized outstanding small business owners  
3 for their contributions to the nation's economy during National  
4 Small Business Week; and

5           WHEREAS, The SBA Houston District Office, which serves 32  
6 counties and some 350,000 businesses, is honoring 10 outstanding  
7 individuals on May 11, 2007, at the Small Business Week Awards  
8 Luncheon; the event is being sponsored by the Houston chapter of  
9 SCORE, a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneur education  
10 and the formation, growth, and success of the nation's small  
11 businesses; and

12           WHEREAS, Alfredo Giraldo has been named the 2007 Small  
13 Business Journalist of the Year in recognition of his outstanding  
14 work for the Spanish-language newspaper *Rumbo*, a subsidiary of  
15 Meximeric Media; the Houston edition of *Rumbo* has a circulation of  
16 more than 100,000 copies, while other editions target readers in  
17 San Antonio and the Rio Grande Valley; after joining *Rumbo* in 2004,  
18 Mr. Giraldo specialized in reporting on issues of interest to small  
19 businesses in the Hispanic community and in profiling Latino  
20 business owners; and

21           WHEREAS, A native of Peru, Mr. Giraldo attended the  
22 Universidad de Lima and earned a degree in industrial engineering;  
23 he also holds a master's degree in Latin American studies from The  
24 University of Texas at Austin; recently, he returned to Peru to join

1 a business consulting firm; and

2 WHEREAS, Small businesses are the lifeblood of cities and  
3 towns across the country, and National Small Business Week provides  
4 a welcome opportunity to honor those men and women who contribute to  
5 the economic vitality of their communities through their  
6 professional endeavors; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Alfredo Giraldo on his selection as  
9 the 2007 Small Business Journalist of the Year by the Houston  
10 District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration and  
11 extend to him best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for Mr. Giraldo as an expression of high regard by the  
14 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1906

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1906 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House