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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.