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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Barbara Hines was honored by the Political Asylum  
2 Project of Austin in May 2007 for her efforts to uphold the rights  
3 of immigrants; and

4 WHEREAS, During the last two decades, PAPA has assisted tens  
5 of thousands of low-income immigrants by providing them with the  
6 legal information and services they need to become working,  
7 contributing members of our community; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Hines has long been an invaluable supporter of  
9 the organization's goals; the director of The University of Texas  
10 Immigration Law Clinic, she served as the first codirector of the  
11 Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of Texas, Immigrant  
12 and Refugee Rights Project, and currently serves as counsel to the  
13 group; a noted writer and lecturer on issues related to immigration  
14 law, she is board certified in immigration and nationality law by  
15 the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is a member of the  
16 American Immigration Lawyers Association and the board of directors  
17 of the Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild; and

18 WHEREAS, This accomplished attorney earned her bachelor's  
19 degree from UT-Austin and her J.D. from Northeastern University; in  
20 1996, she traveled to Argentina as a Fulbright scholar to research  
21 local immigration law, and she earned another Fulbright award in  
22 2004; and

23 WHEREAS, Highly respected by her peers, Ms. Hines was named a  
24 Texas Legal Legend by *Texas Lawyer* and has received the Texas Law

1 Fellowships Excellence in Public Interest Award, the American  
2 Immigration Lawyers Association Jack Wasserman Award for  
3 Excellence in Litigation, and the AILA Texas Chapter Litigation  
4 Award; and

5 WHEREAS, Barbara Hines has worked diligently to further the  
6 civil and human rights of immigrants and to build a more just and  
7 compassionate society, and her myriad achievements have  
8 distinguished her as an exemplary member of the Texas legal  
9 community; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Barbara Hines on her recent  
12 recognition from the Political Asylum Project of Austin and commend  
13 her for her many professional accomplishments; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Ms. Hines as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
16 House of Representatives.