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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The distinguished historian Dr. Antonia I.
2 Castaneda is beginning a new chapter in her life with her retirement
3 from St. Mary's University in San Antonio; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Crystal City, Dr. Castaneda was born
5 into a family of farmworkers and accompanied them as they followed
6 the crops to Washington State when she was a young girl; and

7 WHEREAS, She earned her bachelor's degree in Spanish from
8 Western Washington University and her master's degree in Latin
9 American Studies from the University of Washington; in 1990, she
10 received her Ph.D. in history from Stanford University; and

11 WHEREAS, Professor Castaneda has taught at the University of
12 California, Santa Barbara, and The University of Texas at Austin;
13 in 1997 she joined the history department at St. Mary's University,
14 where she served as the O'Connor Chair from 1998 to 2001; within the
15 history department, Dr. Castaneda has overseen the minor in Mexican
16 American and Latino Studies; and

17 WHEREAS, One of the most influential Chicana feminist
18 historians in the nation, Dr. Castaneda specializes in the subjects
19 of gender, sexuality, and women of color in California and the
20 Borderlands from the 16th century to the present; in 1972, while
21 still a graduate student, she co-edited one of the important works
22 in the field of Chicana and Chicano studies, *Literatura Chicana:
23 Texto y Contexto*; her recent work encompasses such subjects as the
24 history of Mestizas in colonial Alta California, a bilingual

1 edition of 19th-century Californiana narratives, and a cultural
2 history of Tejana farmworkers; and

3 WHEREAS, Professor Castaneda has been an inspiring teacher as
4 well as a pioneering scholar, mentoring students and encouraging
5 the development of Chicana and Chicano studies; she has contributed
6 greatly to her profession as a cofounder of Mujeres Activas en
7 Letras y Cambio Social, as the editor of a Chicana studies journal
8 and book series for The University of Texas Press, and through her
9 work with the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies;
10 in recognition of her work with the NACCS, Dr. Castaneda received a
11 2007 NACCS Scholar Award; and

12 WHEREAS, Both as a teacher and a scholar, Dr. Antonia
13 Castaneda has been one of the most important figures in her
14 discipline; her teaching has inspired her students to continue
15 these important studies, and she may reflect with great pride on all
16 that she has accomplished; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Antonia I. Castaneda on her
19 retirement from St. Mary's University and extend to her best wishes
20 for continued success in her future endeavors; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Dr. Castaneda as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.