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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, National Women's History Month is being celebrated  
2 throughout March 2009, and this observance provides a fitting  
3 opportunity to recognize the Rio Grande Valley Chapter of the  
4 Hispanic Women's Network of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1987, HWNT was founded as a statewide  
6 organization to promote the participation of Hispanic women in the  
7 public, corporate, and civic arenas; 200 women from across the Lone  
8 Star State gathered in Dallas for the network's initial conference  
9 and discussed areas of concern to women and Latinos; drawing  
10 strength from their diverse backgrounds, occupations, and life  
11 experiences, they committed to remain united to address common  
12 issues; and

13 WHEREAS, The network today has nine chapters, representing  
14 the Rio Grande Valley area and the cities of Austin, Corpus Christi,  
15 Dallas, Denton, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, and Laredo; the  
16 Rio Grande Valley Chapter has become one of the fastest-growing  
17 business networking groups in the region; its members participate  
18 in HWNT activities to make a positive impact in their communities  
19 while advancing the educational, cultural, social, legal, and  
20 economic well-being of all women and raising awareness of the  
21 richness of Hispanic culture; HWNT has sponsored and supported  
22 educational, mentoring, and intergenerational programs,  
23 achievement awards, and such events as the Women's Rights to Vote  
24 Celebration, Hispanic Summit, and Emerging Leaders Conference; and

1           WHEREAS, For more than two decades, the members of the  
2 Hispanic Women's Network of Texas have worked together to improve  
3 the lives of women, to serve their communities, and to share ideas  
4 and encouragement; through their noteworthy endeavors, the members  
5 of the Rio Grande Valley Chapter have demonstrated admirable  
6 dedication to the ideals and purpose of this fine organization;  
7 now, therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
9 Legislature hereby recognize the Rio Grande Valley Chapter of the  
10 Hispanic Women's Network of Texas on the occasion of National  
11 Women's History Month and commend the members for their  
12 contributions to their community; and, be it further

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