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H.R. No. 1544

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The community organization La Mujer Obrera is
2 working to create jobs and sustainable economic opportunity for
3 low-income women workers in El Paso with its ambitious Centro
4 Mayapan Festival Marketplace project; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1981, La Mujer Obrera is dedicated to
6 fostering empowerment and employment with dignity for women of
7 Mexican heritage and their families; it is also working to
8 revitalize South Central El Paso by providing basic skills and
9 vocational experience for women and helping them navigate the
10 requirements for employment and the development of small
11 businesses; and

12 WHEREAS, Anchoring this effort is Centro Mayapan, a unique
13 festival marketplace housed in a renovated 40,000-square-foot
14 warehouse and encompassing a wide range of businesses, community
15 services, and cultural opportunities; and

16 WHEREAS, The center's Mercado Mayapan will be a vibrant
17 indoor space for food vendors, artisans, and other
18 microenterprises; a vital center for Mexican culture, Plaza
19 Cultural will specialize in performances and exhibitions by
20 dancers, musicians, and artists from both sides of the border,
21 while the Museo Mayachen will feature permanent exhibits about the
22 heritage and struggle of Mexican immigrant women garment workers
23 and farmworkers; and

24 WHEREAS, Centro Mayapan will also include a media and

1 technology center, where women can take classes in journalism and
2 the use of computers, and the Center for Bilingual Development and
3 Social Enterprise, where instruction in leadership development,
4 civic engagement, and entrepreneurship will be offered; and

5 WHEREAS, Planned to open in 2009, Centro Mayapan will
6 encourage economic and cultural development, generating jobs,
7 business growth, and community investment, and the women of La
8 Mujer Obrera may indeed take great pride in the scope and ambition
9 of this inspiring project; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate La Mujer Obrera for the development
12 of Centro Mayapan Festival Marketplace and extend to the
13 organization's members and supporters sincere best wishes for
14 continuing achievement; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for La Mujer Obrera as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.