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H.R. No. 1829

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas A&M University Board of Regents has
2 honored Yolanda Morado of the Texas AgriLife Starr County Extension
3 Office with a 2008 Regents Fellow Service Award; and

4 WHEREAS, Created in 1998, this award recognizes
5 professionals in Texas A&M University System agencies whose
6 exceptional leadership in developing and delivering programs has
7 resulted in lasting benefits to the people of Texas; selections are
8 made by a system-level committee that examines such criteria as
9 dedication, creative ability, and adherence to scientific
10 philosophy and scholarly principles, as well as a stellar
11 reputation among colleagues and external stakeholders; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Morado has worked for more than three decades to
13 improve the quality of life in one of the nation's most impoverished
14 areas; an agent in the field of family and consumer science, she has
15 designed and taught diabetes health care courses as well as
16 programs that encompass screening, support groups, and management
17 of this widespread disease; under her able guidance, the Better
18 Living for Texans program, which teaches nutrition, food safety,
19 wellness, and financial management, has reached some 5,000 adults
20 and 3,000 children; and

21 WHEREAS, Demonstrating outstanding executive ability and a
22 spirit of innovation, Ms. Morado has trained more than 1,500
23 volunteers as instructors to other volunteers, using the master
24 volunteer concept to further disseminate knowledge of such topics

1 as health, financial security, parenting, literacy, and
2 environmental stewardship; she has played a key role since 1995 in
3 binational conferences to heighten awareness and knowledge of
4 issues crucial to residents of border communities; moreover, she
5 has aided new entrepreneurs through the Pasos al Mercado or Steps to
6 the Marketplace program and hosts an annual child care conference
7 that provides professional training and continuing education to
8 improve child care and empower women seeking entry into the working
9 world as caregivers; and

10 WHEREAS, The designation of Regents Fellow carries a sizeable
11 stipend, along with the responsibility to serve as a role model
12 within The Texas A&M University System; Yolanda Morado has
13 extensive experience in this capacity, having exemplified the ideal
14 of service to others throughout her 34-year career with the Texas
15 AgriLife Starr County Extension Office, and her leadership and
16 commitment continue to inspire all those who are privileged to know
17 her; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Yolanda Morado on receiving a 2008
20 Regents Fellow Service Award from the Texas A&M University Board of
21 Regents and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success
22 in her worthy endeavors; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Ms. Morado as an expression of high regard by the Texas
25 House of Representatives.