

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dalia de la O Carr has been named 2008 Woman of the
2 Year by the Mercedes Chamber of Commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, The proprietor of El Fenix Café, a family restaurant
4 that has served the area for decades, Ms. Carr has given selflessly
5 of her time and talents to heighten awareness of autism and raise
6 funds to help bring more resources to the Rio Grande Valley for
7 children diagnosed with autism and their families; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Carr held a barbecue benefit in April 2007 that
9 raised more than \$2,500 for the Autism Council for Educational
10 Support and Scientific Studies, a nonprofit foundation assisting
11 children with autism spectrum disorders; the next year, she worked
12 diligently to help establish a motorcycle rally and fund-raiser in
13 support of autism research; although she suffered several family
14 tragedies in 2008, and is now raising a son with autism on her own
15 while running two businesses, she still found the time to organize
16 several barbecues to raise money for hospital and funeral expenses
17 for friends and acquaintances in need; and

18 WHEREAS, In April 2009, Ms. Carr and El Fenix Café sponsored
19 the second annual Autism Awareness Bike Rally, hosting
20 motorcyclists from across the Rio Grande Valley to raise funds for a
21 new preschool for children with autism in Harlingen; the growing
22 event offered the community an opportunity to learn more about
23 autism, and Ms. Carr has furthered that goal through appearances on
24 television and interviews in numerous publications; and

1 WHEREAS, This dynamic Mercedes native serves on a number of
2 civic committees and contributes to her community in many ways; she
3 has triumphed in spite of adversity and can indeed take pride in the
4 positive difference she has made through her worthwhile endeavors;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Dalia de la O Carr on being named
8 the 2008 Woman of the Year by the Mercedes Chamber of Commerce and
9 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Ms. Carr as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.

Martinez

H.R. No. 1993

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1993 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House