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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize Maria Ruiz for her outstanding efforts to improve the
3 lives of impoverished children and their families in Juarez; and

4 WHEREAS, For the last 13 years, Ms. Ruiz has traveled
5 regularly to Juarez, where she works to help some 12,000 children
6 and their families who live in conditions that include the lack of
7 electricity and running water; she brings them food, toys, clothes,
8 and other items that she has collected from residents of El Paso,
9 and she is currently working to help build a community kitchen and
10 orphanage that will house 100 children and feed 400 more daily; and

11 WHEREAS, To support her philanthropy, Ms. Ruiz and her
12 husband, Jesus, work several jobs, and she used money she won as a
13 finalist for CNN's 2008 Hero of the Year Award to defray the costs
14 of constructing the orphanage; and

15 WHEREAS, Through her immense compassion and generosity,
16 Maria Ruiz is making a profound difference in the lives of countless
17 Juarez children and their families, and her work is an inspiration
18 to all who know of her; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
20 Legislature hereby commend Maria Ruiz for her dedication to
21 assisting children in Juarez and extend to her sincere best wishes
22 for the future; and, be it further

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

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