

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Maria Cristina Chirolla, Consul General of
2 Colombia, deserves the gratitude of all Texans for her tenacious
3 efforts to battle the drug cartels in her native Colombia and for
4 her efforts to strengthen the ties between her country and the Lone
5 Star State; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Chirolla holds both a law degree and a master's
7 degree in international relations from the Pontificia Universidad
8 Javeriana in Bogotá; and

9 WHEREAS, This brave crusader against the plague of illicit
10 drugs formerly worked as the rehabilitation coordinator for the
11 mayor of Bogotá, helping women who had become prostitutes, many of
12 whom were also addicted to drugs; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Chirolla went on to become head of antidrug
14 operations for the office of the Colombian attorney general, in
15 which capacity she focused on attacking the money-laundering
16 activities of the drug lords; despite repeated threats against her
17 life, Ms. Chirolla oversaw the confiscation of lavish homes and
18 other property belonging to drug criminals, seizing assets valued
19 at some 3 billion pesos, in addition to ordering military raids on
20 drug laboratories; and

21 WHEREAS, Now serving as Colombia's consul general in Houston,
22 she brings to her new responsibilities a profound knowledge of the
23 complex issues surrounding the illegal drug trade, a deep passion
24 for justice, and an uncompromising integrity, and it is indeed a

1 privilege to pay tribute to her remarkable courage and her lifetime
2 of public service; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Maria Cristina Chirolla,
5 Consul General of Colombia, for her bravery and her achievements
6 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success in all
7 her endeavors; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Ms. Chirolla as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2772

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2772 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House