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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The YWCA El Paso del Norte Region is commemorating
- 2 its centennial in 2009, and this notable milestone provides an
- 3 opportune time to recognize Rosa Guerrero, who has greatly
- 4 contributed to its success in the community; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Ms. Guerrero became involved with the YWCA in the
- 6 1970s after a notable 20-year teaching career with El Paso ISD;
- 7 determined to bring Mexican culture alive while boosting the
- 8 self-esteem of young people, she created the International Ballet
- 9 Folklorico; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Ms. Guerrero and her group performed at a number of
- 11 YWCA functions and, in addition to inspiring countless teens
- 12 through her motivational speeches, she advised the organization on
- 13 programs to build confidence and self-respect; she also produced a
- 14 movie on the richness and beauty of diversity, one of the YWCA's
- 15 cornerstones; and
- WHEREAS, In 1991, the International Ballet Folklorico became
- 17 the first dance troupe of its kind to perform at the Kennedy Center;
- 18 Ms. Guerrero's efforts planted a seed, and through the years,
- 19 folklorico has flourished, with more than 50 groups sprouting from
- 20 Fabens to Las Cruces; and
- 21 WHEREAS, With her commitment to education, diversity, and the
- 22 empowerment of young women, Rosa Guerrero has had a positive impact
- 23 on both the YWCA and the wider community it serves, and she may
- 24 indeed reflect with great pride on her notable achievements and

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- 1 contributions; now, therefore, be it
- 2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 3 Legislature hereby honor Rosa Guerrero for her contributions to the
- 4 El Paso YWCA and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future;
- 5 and, be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 7 prepared for Ms. Guerrero as an expression of high regard by the
- 8 Texas House of Representatives.