By: Gallego H.R. No. 3119

## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to 2 honor Edelmira Sotelo for her outstanding contributions as district
- 3 director for the Del Rio office of State Representative Pete
- 4 Gallego; and
- 5 WHEREAS, In 1989, "Miri" Sotelo became the representative's
- 6 first staff member, and her remarkable tenure has been
- 7 characterized by exemplary skill and dedication; moreover, she has
- 8 demonstrated a deep commitment to the citizens of Del Rio; in 2006,
- 9 she organized the city's first community-wide holiday toy drive,
- 10 Ninos Navidenos, to ensure that every child received a gift; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sotelo has given generously of her time and
- 12 talent to numerous civic organizations and has worked tirelessly in
- 13 behalf of children and battered women; a member of the board for the
- 14 Quad County Drug Abuse Council, she also serves on the board of the
- 15 Safe Kids Program, instructing parents in the proper installation
- 16 of car seats for their children and advocating the use of bicycle
- 17 helmets for the safety of young Texans; and
- WHEREAS, Born in Del Rio on December 11, 1935, Mrs. Sotelo
- 19 graduated from Del Rio High School and married Claudio Sotelo on
- 20 December 18, 1955; they are the parents of three children, Claudio
- 21 Jr., Debra Melinda, and the late Fernando; devoted grandparents and
- 22 great-grandparents as well, Mr. and Mrs. Sotelo celebrated their
- 23 golden wedding anniversary on December 18, 2005; the couple are
- 24 valued members of St. Joseph Catholic Church; and

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WHEREAS, For two decades, Miri Sotelo has served with great 1 distinction as a member of Representative Gallego's staff, and her 2 selfless efforts in behalf of others have made a positive difference in her community; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas 5 6 Legislature hereby commend Edelmira Sotelo for her service in the office of State Representative Pete Gallego and to the Del Rio 7 community and extend to her warmest best wishes; and, be it further 8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 9

prepared for Mrs. Sotelo as an expression of high regard by the

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