

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 317

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Teresa and Carlos Gándara, the recipients of the Adelante Con Ganas Award for March 2009; and

WHEREAS, El Paso native Teresa Gándara and her husband, Carlos Gándara, are the chief executive officer and president and the vice president and chief financial officer of Pencil Cup Office Products, Incorporated, an office supply and furniture retail and distribution company, which they started in June of 2001; and

WHEREAS, Pencil Cup Office Products, Incorporated, has contracts with El Paso area school districts, federal agencies and Fort Bliss, the Greater El Paso and El Paso Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, and local businesses; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Gándara spent 11 years working for the El Paso Independent School District, first as a physical education teacher and coach at Terrace Hills Middle School, and then as assistant principal at Bassett Middle School; and

WHEREAS, In the summer of 2008, Pencil Cup Office Products, Incorporated, was chosen over thousands of other businesses to be named Small Hispanic Business of the Year by the Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Gándara is on the board of directors of Homegrown El Paso, which advocates for companies and consumers to buy from locally owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, The Gándaras have worked hard to ensure that their 14 full-time employees receive health insurance through her company; and

WHEREAS, Teresa and Carlos Gándara and Pencil Cup Office Products, Incorporated, highlight the importance of Texas' small businesses, of buying locally, and of America's entrepreneurial spirit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Teresa and Carlos Gándara for their many contributions to the City of El Paso and extend to them congratulations on receiving the Adelante Con Ganas Award; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Shapleigh

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate