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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The "Just Kauz It's Right" nonprofit initiative is
2 making a positive difference in the lives of schoolchildren in the
3 Rio Grande Valley, and the program's founder, Maricela De Leon, is
4 deserving of commendation for her innovative efforts to help
5 others; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. De Leon decided in 2009 to assist students at San
7 Carlos Elementary School, which she had attended through the fifth
8 grade; located outside of Edinburg, the school serves many children
9 who may not have access to supplies, and Ms. De Leon set a goal of
10 providing needed back-to-school items to 100 students; with support
11 from family, friends, Walmart, colleagues in her university
12 graduate program, and Brenda Lee Huerta at Radio La Tremenda 1530 AM
13 in McAllen, Ms. De Leon succeeded in meeting her objective; and

14 WHEREAS, The following year, the project was expanded to
15 provide supplies to 200 children at San Carlos Elementary; in 2011,
16 Just Kauz It's Right has earned official nonprofit status, and
17 Ms. De Leon plans to conduct the third annual back-to-school
18 fund-raising drive, broadening the effort to encompass more than
19 400 students at three local elementary schools; the nonprofit will
20 be managed by a board of directors, including Maribel Reyes,
21 Giselle Mireles, Victor Flores, Felicia Ramirez, Juan De Leon, Jr.,
22 Lyna Campos, Erika Conde, and Rebecca Leah Villanueva; and

23 WHEREAS, This worthwhile endeavor has benefited numerous
24 residents of South Texas, and its founder, volunteers, and

1 contributors have demonstrated outstanding leadership and
2 dedication in helping to make it a success; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby recognize the Just Kauz
5 It's Right initiative and extend to Maricela De Leon and all those
6 associated with the project sincere best wishes for the future;
7 and, be it further

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