

By: Rodriguez

H.R. No. 714

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez was recognized by the Austin  
2 History Center in conjunction with its exhibit *Mexican American*  
3 *Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County*; and

4 WHEREAS, Honoring the important contributions made by  
5 Mexican Americans to Central Texas, the Austin History Center and  
6 its association joined with the Austin Public Library to organize  
7 the show, which ran from August 21, 2010, through January 16, 2011;  
8 *Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County*  
9 celebrated the pioneering achievements of 32 remarkable men and  
10 women and provided the public with an opportunity to learn more  
11 about their lives; and

12 WHEREAS, One such individual, Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, was  
13 honored for her achievements in media; a graduate of The University  
14 of Texas at Austin, she earned her master's degree from the Columbia  
15 University Graduate School of Journalism and her Ph.D. from the  
16 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the course of her distinguished career, Ms.  
18 Rivas-Rodriguez has worked for the *Boston Globe*, WFAA-TV in Dallas,  
19 and the *Dallas Morning News*; in 1998, she joined the UT School of  
20 Journalism as an assistant professor, and the following year, she  
21 initiated the U.S. Latino & Latina World War II Oral History  
22 Project; and

23 WHEREAS, Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez has made a positive  
24 difference in her community, and her outstanding accomplishments

1 are a source of pride and inspiration to many people; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez on her  
5 selection as a Mexican American Trailblazer of Austin and Travis  
6 County and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be  
7 it further

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