

By: Gonzalez

H.R. No. 1681

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Maria Luisa "Tita" Yanar of El Paso has spent a  
2 lifetime guiding others as an educator and mentor; and

3 WHEREAS, From her first job as a Spanish teacher at Bassett  
4 Intermediate School in the El Paso Independent School District in  
5 1971 to her current position as director of The University of Texas  
6 at El Paso Upward Bound program, Tita Yanar has dedicated her career  
7 to encouraging youth and helping people gain the skills they need to  
8 succeed; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Yanar earned a bachelor's degree in secondary  
10 education with a double teaching major in English and Spanish from  
11 UTEP, where she also obtained a master's degree in education with a  
12 specialization in curriculum and instruction; and

13 WHEREAS, Before joining the Upward Bound program in 1998, she  
14 gained a wide range of experience in such roles as the associate  
15 director for the UTEP Mother-Daughter Program, director of the  
16 National Hispanic Institute's El Paso Programs, project  
17 administrator for the Young Leaders Conference, and associate  
18 director for the El Salvador CAPS Program, which provided  
19 instruction in U.S. teaching methodologies to a group of Salvadoran  
20 educators; while she was with the NHI, she mentored future Texas  
21 state representatives Marisa Marquez and Naomi Gonzalez, helping  
22 develop their interest in government service; and

23 WHEREAS, Through the years, Ms. Yanar has further  
24 distinguished herself as a valued community leader, serving on the

1 board of the Women's Fund of El Paso, Chamizal National Memorial,  
2 the International Hispanic Cultural Institute, the Paso del Norte  
3 Public Policy Institute, and the National Hispanic Institute; among  
4 the other organizations that have benefited from her time and  
5 energy are the Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition, the Region 19  
6 Education Service Center, the International Hispanic Cultural  
7 Institute, El Paso Community College, and the League of United  
8 Latin American Citizens; she has also worked on committees for the  
9 El Paso Boys and Girls Clubs, Project Change, and the Children's  
10 Summit of the First Ladies of the Texas-Mexico Border; and

11 WHEREAS, This dynamic and committed woman has guided  
12 countless young Texans toward educational opportunities, and her  
13 efforts have made a positive and lasting difference in their lives;  
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
16 Legislature hereby honor Tita Yanar for her outstanding  
17 professional and community service and extend to her sincere best  
18 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Ms. Yanar as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
21 House of Representatives.