By: Gonzales of Hidalgo

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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Katherine Mendiola of Edinburg was selected to 2 participate in the 2011 Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership 3 Program, and during the 82nd Legislative Session, she has ably 4 served her fellow Texans as an aide in the office of State 5 Representative Veronica Gonzales; and

6 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Mexican American Legislative 7 Leadership Foundation, the program offers outstanding university 8 students and recent graduates an opportunity to serve as full-time 9 policy interns in the offices of members of the Mexican American 10 Legislative Caucus and gain experience working with the Texas 11 Legislature; and

12 WHEREAS, The daughter of Patricia and Jose Mendiola, Katherine Mendiola graduated magna cum laude from The University of 13 14 Texas--Pan American in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in political science and English, and she is currently a student in the 15 university's master of public administration program; as an 16 undergraduate, she was president of the Pre-Law Society, historian 17 of the Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society, senator 18 for UTPA's College of Arts and Humanities, and reporter of the 19 20 Political Science Association; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Mendiola's desire to become involved in politics 22 grew out of her experience working as an intern for U.S. 23 Representative Henry Cuellar; she also hopes to one day practice 24 law; and

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WHEREAS, Over the course of her tenure at the State Capitol, 1 Mendiola has been of great assistance to Representative 2 Ms. Gonzales's office, while acquiring knowledge of issues facing 3 citizens of the Lone Star State; she has performed her duties as a 4 5 legislative aide with skill, perseverance, and dedication, and she may indeed look forward to a rewarding future; now, therefore, be it 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas 7 8 Legislature hereby honor Katherine Mendiola as a participant in the 2011 Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program and commend her 9 for her notable contributions to the legislative process; and, be 10 it further 11

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 13 prepared for Ms. Mendiola as an expression of high regard by the 14 Texas House of Representatives.

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