

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Maricela De Leon has ably served her fellow Texans  
2 during her seven years in the office of State Representative Aaron  
3 Pena; and

4           WHEREAS, First volunteering for Representative Pena's  
5 campaign in 2002, Ms. De Leon joined his staff the following year,  
6 and she worked as a legislative aide and an assistant before  
7 becoming his chief of staff for the 82nd Legislative Session; she  
8 holds a bachelor's degree in finance and is now a graduate student  
9 who expects to earn her master of public administration degree from  
10 The University of Texas-Pan American in the summer of 2011; and

11           WHEREAS, Ms. De Leon planned a Legislative Medal of Honor  
12 ceremony in 2009 to honor Pedro Cano, a World War II veteran from  
13 Hidalgo County, and she has worked with numerous collaborators to  
14 establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley; in  
15 addition, she founded an initiative in 2009 that provides  
16 educational tools to elementary schoolchildren in San Carlos, the  
17 town where she was raised; specializing in veterans' issues,  
18 education, and health and human services, she plans to pursue her  
19 law degree and a Ph.D. in public policy and hopes to become a  
20 diplomat; and

21           WHEREAS, Over the course of her career in state government,  
22 Maricela De Leon has provided vital leadership and assistance in  
23 handling a wide variety of challenging tasks, and it is fitting to  
24 take this opportunity to recognize her for a job well done; now,

1 therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
3 Legislature hereby commend Maricela De Leon for her service in the  
4 office of State Representative Aaron Pena and extend to her sincere  
5 best wishes for continued success in all of her endeavors; and, be  
6 it further

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

Pena

H.R. No. 2338

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2338 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House