

By: Pena

H.R. No. 2338

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.