

By: Burnam

H.R. No. 2350

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mayra Mendez of Edinburg was selected to participate
2 in the 2011 Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program, and
3 during the 82nd Legislative Session, she has ably served her fellow
4 Texans as an aide in the office of State Representative Lon Burnam;
5 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 Perla Carbajal and David Mendez,
13 Mayra Mendez was born in Mexico and has eight younger siblings; she
14 came to the United States nearly six years ago but often returns to
15 Mexico to visit her family; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Mendez is a student at The University of
17 Texas--Pan American in Edinburg and expects to graduate in 2011
18 with a bachelor's degree in political science and minors in history
19 and legal studies; she plans to attend law school; and

20 WHEREAS, Over the course of her tenure at the State Capitol,
21 Ms. Mendez has been of great assistance to Representative Burnam's
22 office, while acquiring knowledge of issues facing citizens of the
23 Lone Star State; she has performed her duties as a legislative aide
24 with skill, perseverance, and dedication, and she may indeed look

1 forward to a rewarding future;

2 WHEREAS, Although this session has been extremely
3 challenging, Ms. Mendez considers this session a rewarding
4 experience that has shaped her perspective on her Hispanic
5 heritage.

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Mendez greatly appreciates the Mexican American
7 Legislative Caucus and Representative Lon Burnam's staff: Craig
8 Adair (aka "Solecito"), Rachel McClure (aka "Señorita"), Matt
9 Johnston (aka "Mr. Sunshine"), and Jaime Rivera (aka "Señor
10 Jamón"), for this wonderful learning and enriching opportunity; now
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
13 Legislature hereby honor Mayra Mendez as a participant in the 2011
14 Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program and commend her for
15 her notable contributions to the legislative process; and, be it
16 further

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