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H.R. No. 2374

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Velma Sue De Leon will begin her service as
2 president of the Texas Funeral Directors Association in June 2011;
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4 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, Ms.
5 De Leon enrolled at Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service in
6 Houston in 1991 and became a licensed funeral director the
7 following year; with her husband, Leon, and her parents, Donaciano
8 and Consuelo Garza, she established Memorial Funeral Home in San
9 Juan in 1994, and opened another location in Edinburg in 2003; both
10 businesses have received multiple awards; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. De Leon has shared her time and talents as the
12 president of the South Texas Funeral Directors Association and as a
13 member of many committees of the National Funeral Directors
14 Association, as a Texas representative, with her husband, at the
15 NFDA's 2008 conference, as the vice president of the Make-a-Wish
16 Foundation of the Rio Grande Valley, as an officeholder in two local
17 chambers of commerce, and as treasurer of the McAllen Sunset Lions
18 Club; highly respected by her peers, she also has worked with
19 legislators on issues affecting her profession; and

20 WHEREAS, The first Hispanic and only the second woman to
21 serve as president of the association, Velma De Leon has
22 contributed much to her field, and she brings an impressive record
23 of achievement and commendable dedication to her new leadership
24 role; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Velma Sue De Leon on being elected
3 president of the Texas Funeral Directors Association and extend to
4 her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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