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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Marisol Rodriguez Bermudez of Honduras and other
2 professionals from Latin America were invited to participate in a
3 U.S. Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program
4 in May 2013, and Dallas was among the cities included on their tour;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Established in 1940, IVLP connects current and
7 emerging foreign leaders with their American counterparts through
8 short-term exchanges; an initiative of the Bureau of Educational
9 and Cultural Affairs, the program centers around a project theme
10 and typically includes visits to four U.S. communities; and

11 WHEREAS, With a focus on the administration of justice, this
12 IVLP event was designed to help leaders from other countries deepen
13 their understanding of the civil, criminal, juvenile, and military
14 justice systems in the United States; participants examined the
15 underlying principles of the U.S. judicial and legal systems and
16 studied the administration of courts, case management, the trial by
17 jury process, and alternative dispute resolution; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Rodriguez Bermudez brought a valuable
19 perspective to the experience; she holds a bachelor's degree in
20 legal and social sciences and a master's degree in criminal law from
21 National Autonomous University of Honduras and works as a
22 coordinator for the Special Prosecutor's Office for Children's
23 Affairs; and

24 WHEREAS, The International Visitor Leadership Program helps

1 bridge cultural and political divides, and the exchange of ideas
2 that the program facilitates is sure to benefit citizens of both
3 Honduras and the United States; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
5 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Marisol Rodriguez
6 Bermudez for her participation in the U.S. Department of State
7 International Visitor Leadership Program in May 2013 and extend to
8 her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Ms. Rodriguez Bermudez as an expression of high regard
11 by the Texas House of Representatives.