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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Marcela Paola Borja Roman of Ecuador 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;
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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, Mrs. Borja Roman brought a valuable perspective to
19 the experience; she has a doctor of law degree from the Central
20 University of Ecuador and holds the position of Public Defender for
21 Children and Teenagers, Ministry of Justice; and

22 WHEREAS, The International Visitor Leadership Program helps
23 bridge cultural and political divides, and the exchange of ideas
24 that the program facilitates is sure to benefit citizens of both

1 Ecuador and the United States; now, therefore, be it

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

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