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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Kristine Meza Foundation is dedicated to raising
2 awareness of the devastating effects of domestic violence and to
3 helping victims and their families; and

4 WHEREAS, This noteworthy organization was created in tribute
5 to Kristine Elizabeth Meza, a Laredo native who was killed by her
6 ex-boyfriend outside her home in San Antonio on February 11, 2011,
7 when she was just 25 years old; and

8 WHEREAS, A vibrant and caring young woman, Ms. Meza was the
9 daughter of Agustin Meza III and Laura Acevedo; she demonstrated
10 exceptional thoughtfulness and maturity at an early age, helping
11 her mother with her three younger sisters and providing
12 encouragement and support to her family; known for her radiant
13 smile, outgoing personality, and positive attitude, she brightened
14 the days of innumerable people, and her strong faith was a source of
15 inspiration to others; she was working her way through school and
16 had been accepted into the nursing program at San Antonio College
17 shortly before her death; and

18 WHEREAS, Members of her family joined together following her
19 murder to establish the Kristine Meza Foundation; since its
20 inception, the organization has raised funds for women's shelters
21 through such events as an annual 5K run-walk race and a golf
22 tournament, and it started a memorial scholarship for students
23 attending the Alamo Colleges; KMF also makes presentations to
24 educate the public about domestic violence and provides individuals

1 with a means to share their concerns and experiences; in addition,
2 it created the Garden of Hope at the Casa de Misericordia shelter in
3 Laredo to serve as a place of solace for abused women and their
4 children; and

5 WHEREAS, Today, KMF is guided by a board of directors that
6 includes Agustin Meza III, president, Vilma Saenz, vice president,
7 Vilma Melinda Meza, second vice president, Laura Cabello,
8 treasurer, Selma Gonzalez, secretary, Michelle Bullock, second
9 secretary, Saul Meza, parliamentarian, and three organization
10 speakers, Selma Melinda Gonzalez, Veronica Gonzalez, and Nitza
11 Gonzalez; and

12 WHEREAS, The tragic death of Kristine Meza brought a great
13 loss to her family, her many friends, and the entire community, and
14 the foundation named in her honor is committed to continuing her
15 legacy of compassion by assisting those who suffer from domestic
16 violence; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
18 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
19 Kristine Elizabeth Meza and commend the members of the Kristine
20 Meza Foundation for their important work; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for the foundation and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kristine
24 Elizabeth Meza.