

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Judge Maria Casanova, who has been selected as the 2012 Jurist of the Year by the Texas Municipal Courts Association; and

**WHEREAS**, This prestigious award recognizes a municipal court judge and a court support staff member who have made significant contributions to the fair and impartial administration of justice; applicants are judged on their excellence in carrying out court procedures, leadership within their profession, effective use of community resources in support of municipal courts, and cost-effective problem solving; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Casanova oversees 19 full-time Texas judges and an administrative support staff in the City of Houston Municipal Courts Department; she is noted for her work in the development of the Administrative Violations Court for the City of Houston, which handles ordinance violations, including habitability and quality-of-life violations; and

**WHEREAS**, She also spearheaded many other court initiatives, including intensive preparations for the implementation of the court's new case management system and the development of a municipal court training program for cadet police officers; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Casanova is known for providing exceptional leadership and direction to the City of Houston Municipal Courts Department and offering invaluable support to new attorneys and law school students; she is being honored for her distinguished service at the Texas Municipal Courts Association Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner on July 12, 2013, in San Antonio; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Judge Maria Casanova on her many contributions to the Houston Municipal Courts Department and extend congratulations to her on being named the 2012 Jurist of the Year by the Texas Municipal Courts Association; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 12, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate