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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Noted businesswoman and public-spirited citizen
- 2 Fran Bonilla was honored as an Exemplary Woman of Irving at a high
- 3 tea on November 6, 2011; and
- WHEREAS, Born in Gilmer, Fran Bonilla settled in Irving in
- 5 1959; she entered the commercial real estate business in 1968 and
- 6 founded her own commercial real estate company in 1985; a member of
- 7 the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce and a regional
- 8 brokers' association, she is a recipient of the Ken Yancey Small
- 9 Business Development Award; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Ms. Bonilla has taken an active role in public
- 11 affairs, serving for a decade on the Irving City Council and holding
- 12 the posts of deputy mayor pro tempore and mayor pro tempore; while
- 13 on the city council, she chaired the planning and development
- 14 committee and served on the finance committee; in addition, she has
- 15 served on the Irving Planning and Zoning Commission, served on air
- 16 quality and law enforcement committees of the North Central Texas
- 17 Council of Governments, and represented Irving on the National
- 18 League of Cities International Economic and Development Committee;
- 19 and
- WHEREAS, This industrious Texan has further shared her time
- 21 and energy as a charter member of the steering committee of the
- 22 Trinity River Authority, as a member of the Heritage Crossing
- 23 Communications Committee, as chair of the Irving Heritage Society
- 24 Board, and as a board member for Irving Preservation and

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- 1 Redevelopment, Irving Cares, and the local YWCA; moreover, she has
- 2 chaired a task force for the Irving Independent School District and
- 3 helped to establish the city's Teen Court, an alternative system of
- 4 justice for young offenders; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Ms. Bonilla attends the First United Methodist
- 6 Church of Irving, where she is a valued member; she is the proud
- 7 matriarch of a family that includes 5 children, 15 grandchildren, 9
- 8 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren; and
- 9 WHEREAS, An accomplished professional and a highly esteemed
- 10 community leader, Fran Bonilla has done much to make Irving an even
- 11 better place in which to live and work, and she is indeed deserving
- 12 of recognition; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
- 14 Legislature hereby honor Fran Bonilla as an Exemplary Woman of
- 15 Irving and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be
- 16 it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 18 prepared for Ms. Bonilla as an expression of high regard by the
- 19 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 193 was adopted by the House on February 18, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House