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H.R. No. 193

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 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

20 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

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

13 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.