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H.R. No. 294

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than two decades, Con Mi MADRE has
2 encouraged and empowered Hispanic girls in the greater Austin area
3 to graduate from high school and pursue their higher education
4 goals; and

5 WHEREAS, Originally known as the Hispanic Mother-Daughter
6 Program, Con Mi MADRE was established in 1992 by the Junior League
7 of Austin to address the alarming high school dropout rate among
8 Hispanic girls; now an independent nonprofit organization housed in
9 the School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin, the
10 program invites 6th- to 12th-grade students to enroll alongside
11 their mothers and offers a wide range of free activities and support
12 services to help them achieve academic and personal success; and

13 WHEREAS, Priority is given to applicants facing significant
14 challenges; in 2011-2012, 77 percent of participants came from
15 financially disadvantaged households and two-thirds of them were
16 potential first-time college graduates; nearly 3,000
17 mother-daughter teams have participated in the program to date,
18 with 76 percent of graduating seniors going on to attend college;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Con Mi MADRE has received the Community Partner
21 Award from The University of Texas Division of Diversity and
22 Community Engagement, which has also committed \$15,000 over three
23 years to the organization; in addition to its college preparatory
24 services, Con Mi MADRE hosts the annual Corazon Awards to honor

1 local civic leaders as well as families that have benefited from its
2 program; and

3 WHEREAS, Con Mi MADRE has helped numerous area girls build
4 confidence, broaden their horizons, and realize their dreams, and
5 in so doing, the group has contributed to the betterment of the
6 entire community; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor Con Mi MADRE on its 20th anniversary and
9 extend to all those associated with the organization sincere best
10 wishes for continued success with their important work; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Con Mi MADRE as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.