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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rosa Guerrero has been named the 2013 First Lady of
2 El Paso by Beta Sigma Phi; and

3 WHEREAS, The annual First Lady award is presented to women
4 who have made outstanding contributions to their community, and
5 educator, historian, humanitarian, and motivational speaker Rosa
6 Guerrero is an excellent fit for the honor; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Guerrero taught in El Paso public schools for
8 two decades and helped develop the district's first intercultural
9 programs; with the dedication of Rosa Guerrero Elementary School,
10 she became the first Hispanic woman in the city to have a school
11 named after her; and

12 WHEREAS, Rosa Guerrero's commitment to multicultural
13 dialogue and understanding extends far beyond the classroom; she is
14 the founder and artistic director of the International Folklorico
15 Dance Group, and her film, *Tapestry*, won a national filmmaking
16 award for its promotion of cultural understanding; Ms. Guerrero has
17 now developed the sequel, *Tapestry II*, and she continues to speak
18 before school audiences to promote greater awareness and
19 appreciation of cultural diversity; and

20 WHEREAS, In recognition of her notable endeavors,
21 Ms. Guerrero has been named an Outstanding Woman in the Arts by the
22 Texas Women's Political Caucus, an Outstanding Woman Artist in El
23 Paso by the Mexican American National Association, an Outstanding
24 Hispanic in the Southwest by Adolph Coors, Co., an Outstanding

1 Hispanic of El Paso by The University of Texas at El Paso, and an
2 Outstanding Alumna by the UT-El Paso College of Education;
3 moreover, she has been inducted into both the Texas Women's Hall of
4 Fame and the El Paso Commission for Women Hall of Fame; and

5 WHEREAS, Among the other awards conferred on her are the
6 Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation Award, the LULAC Arts and
7 Humanities Award, the Human Relations Award from the Texas State
8 Teachers Association, the Good Samaritan Award from the Catholic
9 Media Ministries of El Paso, the Sertoma Service to Mankind Award,
10 the Arts Alliance Individual Dance Award, the Gold Nugget Award
11 from UT-El Paso, and the Reconocimiento Othli from Instituto de los
12 Mexicanos en el Exterior; and

13 WHEREAS, This distinguished Texan has greatly enriched her
14 community and has positively influenced myriad lives with her
15 message of cultural harmony, and she may indeed reflect with great
16 pride on all that she has accomplished; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Rosa Guerrero on her selection as
19 the 2013 First Lady of El Paso by Beta Sigma Phi and extend to her
20 sincere best wishes for continued success with her important work;
21 and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Ms. Guerrero as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives.