

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Judge Maria Salas-Mendoza was named a 2012 Border
2 Hero by Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center of El Paso; and

3 WHEREAS, The annual Border Hero awards recognize individuals
4 who have devoted themselves to improving the lives of immigrants in
5 the U.S.-Mexico border region and beyond; such actions are in
6 keeping with the mission of Las Americas, which provides free legal
7 services to political asylum seekers, refugees, and other
8 vulnerable individuals seeking to establish a new life in the
9 United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge Salas-Mendoza, judge of the 120th Judicial
11 District Court in El Paso, has been a tireless advocate for women
12 and children, working to implement programs to help young people in
13 foster homes excel in academics and professional life and
14 encouraging them to overcome obstacles and challenges by making the
15 most of their abilities; she has also created an initiative that
16 arranges employment for foster children, with attorneys
17 volunteering as mentors and acting as role models beyond the
18 workplace; she frequently speaks at area schools on the themes of
19 integrity and professional achievement; and

20 WHEREAS, She received her undergraduate degree from the
21 Harvard University Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study and is a
22 graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles School of
23 Law; in addition to her time spent presiding over the 120th Judicial
24 District Court, Judge Salas-Mendoza contributes to her profession

1 by serving as president of the El Paso Bar Association and as a
2 member of the El Paso Community Justice Council; and

3 WHEREAS, An enduring champion of those in need, Judge Maria
4 Salas-Mendoza has had a positive and powerful impact on countless
5 lives, and her accomplishments as both a professional and a
6 volunteer make her a most deserving recipient of this prestigious
7 honor; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Judge Maria Salas-Mendoza on being
10 selected as a 2012 Border Hero by Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy
11 Center and extend to her best wishes for the future; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Judge Salas-Mendoza as an expression of high regard by
15 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 440

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 440 was adopted by the House on
February 28, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House