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H.R. No. 705

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than 15 years, Dia de la Mujer Latina has
2 provided essential health services to underserved populations in
3 Texas and beyond; and

4 WHEREAS, Established by Venus Gines in 1997, Dia de la Mujer
5 Latina is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives with
6 preventive screenings and health education geared toward Latinas;
7 through its one-day "health fiestas," DML screens uninsured or
8 underinsured women for a variety of chronic illnesses, including
9 cancer, diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and HIV;
10 the group has served more than 84,000 women at such events since its
11 inception; and

12 WHEREAS, DML is recognized as a national best practice and is
13 being replicated in 39 states, as well as in Puerto Rico; moreover,
14 the group was approved in 2009 by the State of Texas to train and
15 certify community health workers, or promotores, who assist
16 patients, in English and Spanish, as they navigate the health care
17 system; DML's record of achievement may be attributed to the vision
18 and leadership of Ms. Gines, the group's communication and
19 coordination with local organizations and state and local health
20 departments, and the dedication and hard work of countless
21 volunteers; and

22 WHEREAS, Dia de la Mujer Latina has empowered numerous women
23 to seek the health care they need, and in so doing, DML has made a
24 positive difference in the lives of countless families; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor Dia de la Mujer Latina for its outstanding
4 work in behalf of women's health and extend to Venus Gines and all
5 those associated with the organization sincere best wishes for
6 continued success; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Dia de la Mujer Latina as an expression of high regard
9 by the Texas House of Representatives.