

By: Guillen

H.R. No. 1060

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Elma Esther Chavez, who has served as executive
2 director of the Raymondville Chamber of Commerce since 2000, has
3 long rendered sterling service to the citizens of Willacy County;
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5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Raymondville High School and The
6 University of Texas--Pan American, Ms. Chavez began her career as a
7 pharmacy technician with Watson's City Drug and has owned a
8 home-based cosmetics business for the past eight years; and

9 WHEREAS, During her tenure with the chamber, Ms. Chavez has
10 been responsible for promoting tourism, business, and development
11 in the area; she has overseen numerous chamber events, including
12 grand openings for local businesses, networking breakfasts,
13 after-hours mixers, business seminars, and ribbon cuttings, in
14 addition to helping to produce a website for the organization and a
15 quarterly publication, *Wonderful Willacy*; she also organizes the
16 yearly Fourth of July festivities and manages the Wild in Willacy
17 Nature and Heritage Festival; moreover, Ms. Chavez initiated the
18 Willacy County Heritage Gala, began the tradition of the Christmas
19 tree lighting in Raymondville, and coordinated Raymondville's
20 three-day centennial celebration in 2004; and

21 WHEREAS, Active throughout the community, Elma Chavez has
22 served the Raymondville Independent School District on various
23 committees and as Band Booster president; she is a member of the
24 Willacy County Task Force, the Rural Technical Skills Training

1 Center Advisory Committee, the Willacy County Industrial
2 Foundation, the Relay for Life, and the local board of FEMA; over
3 the years, she has also been involved with the Boy Scouts,
4 Raymondville Rotary Club, Cameron-Willacy Counties Community
5 Projects, Inc., the Raymondville Historical Society, and the
6 steering committees for the city water plant and the Coastal Land
7 Resources Center; and

8 WHEREAS, Among the accolades conferred on Ms. Chavez have
9 been recognition as Woman of the Year at the Viva Raymondville
10 Awards in 2000 and 2003 and designation as a Hometown Hero by Valley
11 Telephone Cooperative; in 2010, she was inducted into the
12 BorderFest Walk of Fame; and

13 WHEREAS, Elma Chavez and her husband of nearly four decades,
14 Emilio Chavez, Jr., take great pride in their three children,
15 Michael, Lori, and Criselda, and in their three grandchildren;
16 Ms. Chavez is a valued member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church,
17 where she has served as a catechism teacher; and

18 WHEREAS, The residents of Raymondville and Willacy County
19 have benefited greatly from the skill, energy, and commitment that
20 Elma Chavez has brought to her civic endeavors, and it is indeed a
21 privilege to recognize her at this time; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
23 Legislature hereby honor Elma Esther Chavez for her contributions
24 to Willacy County as executive director of the Raymondville Chamber
25 of Commerce and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
26 success; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Ms. Chavez as an expression of high regard by the Texas
2 House of Representatives.