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H.R. No. 1444

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Anna Michele Bobadilla of The University of Texas at  
2 Arlington has been recognized as a Mujer Legendaria by the Ford  
3 Motor Company for her contributions to her community; and

4           WHEREAS, A Dallas native and Grand Prairie resident, Michele  
5 Bobadilla serves the university as senior associate vice president  
6 for outreach services and community engagement, and she is also the  
7 assistant provost for Hispanic student success; she graduated from  
8 Stephen F. Austin State University and went on to complete her  
9 master's degree in elementary education at East Texas State  
10 University; and

11           WHEREAS, This civic-minded Texan has championed access to  
12 education for well over three decades, serving on state councils,  
13 working with national boards, and volunteering for organizations  
14 offering opportunities for growth and lifelong learning; in  
15 cooperation with the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
16 and community partners, she established the Society of 100 Endowed  
17 Scholars' Fund, and as chair of the Stars on the Rise Scholarship  
18 Program, she helped raise nearly \$5 million in 2012 to provide  
19 substantial grants for more than 270 students; she has further  
20 served as chair of the advisory council for the Foundation for the  
21 Education of Young Women, and she has co-chaired the scholarship  
22 program of the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and

23           WHEREAS, In addition, Ms. Bobadilla has worked with the  
24 Hispanic 100 to promote Latina educational and employment

1 opportunities, and while serving on the board of the Dallas  
2 Concilio, she was instrumental in the creation of Psyched Out About  
3 Math and Science, a program for sixth-grade girls; she also founded  
4 University Crossroads, a partnership among North Texas  
5 institutions that promotes college readiness, and she has served as  
6 vice chair of the national LULAC Education Commission; and

7       WHEREAS, Over the years, Ms. Bobadilla has greatly benefited  
8 the wider community through her service on boards and committees  
9 for dozens of organizations, among them the North Texas Navidad en  
10 el Barrio Foundation, the Greater Dallas Mental Health Association,  
11 the Dallas Commission for International Cultural Affairs, the  
12 Dallas Committee for Racial Healing and Understanding, and the  
13 Hispanic Leadership Forum; and

14       WHEREAS, Ms. Bobadilla is the recipient of myriad accolades;  
15 selected as a 2012 Woman of Distinction by the Texas Association of  
16 Mexican American Chambers of Commerce, she has been accorded the  
17 2011 Martha H. Salmon Leadership Award by the Southwestern Regional  
18 College Board, the 2010 Ultimate Latina--Community Service Award by  
19 the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the national  
20 Raymond Telles Award for Excellence in Education by LULAC; she was  
21 inducted into the national LULAC Women's Hall of Fame in 2002, and  
22 that same year, UT-Arlington president Robert E. Witt established  
23 the Michele Bobadilla Bridge to Excellence Scholarship in her  
24 honor; and

25       WHEREAS, Through her tireless efforts in behalf of education,  
26 Michele Bobadilla has made a lasting, positive difference in the  
27 lives of innumerable young people, and her wide-ranging

1 accomplishments indeed merit special recognition; now, therefore,  
2 be it

3           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Anna Michele Bobadilla on her  
5 selection as a Mujer Legendaria by the Ford Motor Company and extend  
6 to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

7           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for Ms. Bobadilla as an expression of high regard by the  
9 Texas House of Representatives.