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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Primetime anchor Estela Casas is celebrating 20  
2 years at KVIA-TV in El Paso, and this notable anniversary provides a  
3 fitting opportunity to take note of her achievements in broadcast  
4 journalism; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of El Paso, Ms. Casas graduated from Burges  
6 High School and studied voice performance at Arizona State  
7 University; she returned to her hometown to take up a career in  
8 television, and while working, she earned a bachelor's degree in  
9 communications from The University of Texas at El Paso; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Casas has been a journalist for nearly three  
11 decades, and for the past 20 years, she has been a member of the news  
12 team at KVIA; during that time, she has covered a wide variety of  
13 issues and news stories, from the pope's visit to Mexico to the life  
14 of prison inmates to border politics; she currently serves as the  
15 primetime coanchor of the ABC-7 evening news; and

16 WHEREAS, A longtime advocate for women's health issues, Ms.  
17 Casas televised her own mammogram in 1993, and when she was  
18 diagnosed with thyroid cancer in 2010, she shared her diagnosis and  
19 treatment with the public in news stories and her blog, empowering  
20 others with her courage and forthrightness; and

21 WHEREAS, Despite her busy professional life, Ms. Casas has  
22 also found time to give back to her community through her work with  
23 the Paso del Norte Health Foundation, the Rio Grande Cancer  
24 Foundation, the University Breast Care Center, the Las Palmas

1 Women's Advisory Board, the YWCA, the American Heart Association,  
2 and the League of United Latin American Citizens; she has been named  
3 to the El Paso Women's Hall of Fame, and in 2011, she was recognized  
4 as one of the Women of Impact by El Paso Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, This outstanding journalist's dedication,  
6 professionalism, and compassion for others have greatly benefited  
7 the people of El Paso, and she may indeed take great pride in all  
8 that she has accomplished as she celebrates this significant  
9 milestone in her career; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the 20th anniversary of Estela Casas  
12 at KVIA in El Paso and extend to her sincere best wishes for  
13 continued success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Ms. Casas as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
16 House of Representatives.