

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kathryn Hairston and the Texas Secretary of State
2 Colonia Initiatives Program are helping to bring positive change to
3 communities along the Texas/Mexico border; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1999 legislators advanced efforts to provide
5 water and wastewater services to colonias in Texas; this action
6 resulted in the creation of the Colonia Initiatives Program within
7 the Texas Border and Mexican Affairs Division of the secretary of
8 state's office; coordinators and ombudspersons with the program
9 serve as advocates for colonia residents, ensuring that their homes
10 are connected to services; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Hairston is an El Paso-based ombudsperson, and
12 her duties include conducting meetings with local residents, state
13 agencies, elected officials, municipal and county governments,
14 utility companies, and nonprofit organizations; she goes
15 door-to-door to collect information, monitors the progress of
16 projects, and serves as a facilitator as well; and

17 WHEREAS, The work of Ms. Hairston and her colleagues is
18 strengthening the physical and social infrastructure of colonia
19 communities, and it is appropriate to recognize the role these
20 committed public servants play in assuring the provision of
21 necessary services; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
23 Legislature hereby honor Kathryn Hairston and the Texas Secretary
24 of State Colonia Initiatives Program for their service to the El

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1 Paso area and extend to Ms. Hairston sincere best wishes for
2 continued success with her important work; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Ms. Hairston as an expression of high regard by the
5 Texas House of Representatives.

M. Gonzalez of El Paso

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2666 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House