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H.R. No. 3041

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ana Reyes was elected as the first Hispanic member
2 of the Farmers Branch City Council on May 11, 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Farmers Branch, Ms. Reyes
4 brings to her new role years of experience in public service; she
5 joined the staff of State Representative Rafael Anchia in 2006 and
6 serves as district manager; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Reyes was moved to enter politics after the city
8 council passed an ordinance, subsequently ruled unconstitutional
9 in federal court, that barred undocumented immigrants from rental
10 housing; while campaigning for the District 1 seat in the city's
11 first single-member district balloting, she worked diligently to
12 increase historically low voter turnout among Latinos and succeeded
13 in greatly improving participation rates; and

14 WHEREAS, Active in civic life, Ms. Reyes volunteers at
15 citizenship workshops sponsored by the bipartisan effort Ya Es
16 Hora, and she has served as a deputy registrar with the Dallas
17 County Elections Department and as an election judge for Precinct
18 2302 in District 1; she participated in the Farmers Branch Police
19 Department Citizen Police Academy and has been a valued member of
20 the department's training advisory board since 2008; moreover, she
21 has worked with the Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Reyes majored in business administration at The
23 University of Texas at Dallas and took part in the International
24 Studies Program at the Universidad de Sevilla in Spain; early in her

1 career, she was an immigration associate with the International
2 Rescue Committee, an agency dedicated to human rights, and she was
3 employed in the long-term care industry as a human resources and
4 accounting associate; and

5 WHEREAS, Through her many contributions to the community and
6 her commitment to improving the quality of life for area residents,
7 Ana Reyes has earned widespread respect and admiration, and it is
8 indeed a pleasure to recognize her; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Ana Reyes on her election as the
11 first Hispanic member of the Farmers Branch City Council and extend
12 to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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