

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1000

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Yolanda Velasquez, one of its most highly regarded staff members, who is retiring after more than 18 years of exceptional service with the Texas Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, Yolanda began her career with the Senate in 1995 as an employee in the office of Senator Gonzalo Barrientos; in 2007, she joined the office of Senator Kirk Watson, where she has continued her loyal service to the Senate as a legislative staff member in charge of constituent services and where she has contributed greatly to the efficiency of daily office operations; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the course of her career with the Senate, Yolanda has been a true asset to each of the offices in which she has served and to the people of Senate District 14; a hardworking Senate employee, Yolanda has distinguished herself by her sincere willingness to take on any task, no matter its challenges; from generating multiple types of correspondence, to preparing flag certificates, to arranging group Capitol tours, to answering constituents' questions and managing a variety of casework, she has handled her myriad duties with dependability and an impressive attention to detail; and

**WHEREAS**, Yolanda is known for her warm and convivial personality, as well as for her ability to remain calm and centered when faced with the daunting tasks and deadlines common in the workplace during legislative sessions; in addition, she has played a significant role in the scheduling and management of many of the events that take place at the Capitol; her assistance in handling requests from residents of the senator's district has been invaluable, and she has made certain that on visits to the Capitol, constituents have been met with a warm welcome and attention to their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to her work at the Capitol, Yolanda is active in the community as a member of Teatro Chicano Aztlan of Austin and of Cristo Rey Catholic Church, where she serves on the Pastoral Council and the Bazaar Planning Committee; she looks forward to continuing her work in the community during her retirement years and to spending time with her children, her foster children, and her grandchild; she also no doubt will find time for dancing and gardening and visiting friends, as well as cultivating her enviable cooking and baking skills, for which she is justifiably renowned; and

**WHEREAS**, An outstanding Senate employee, Yolanda is beloved and respected by her co-workers, and her presence in the office of Senator Kirk Watson and as a friend to fellow Capitol employees will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Yolanda Velasquez on her exceptional

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service to the people of Texas as a valued staff member of the Texas Senate and extend to her best wishes for continued success in all her endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 16, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate