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H.R. No. 812

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jody Nelsen of Edinburg has positively impacted the  
2 lives of myriad people through her important work as president of  
3 the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley Board of Directors; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Nelsen obtained a bachelor's degree in business  
5 administration from Loyola University in 1990 and went on to attend  
6 The University of Texas at Dallas, where she earned her MBA in 1997;  
7 after serving as associate and interim vice president for business  
8 affairs at UT-Dallas, she became executive vice president for  
9 finance and administration at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi;  
10 when her husband, Dr. Robert Nelsen, was named president of The  
11 University of Texas-Pan American, she retired and moved with him to  
12 Edinburg, which led to her involvement with the Food Bank of the Rio  
13 Grande Valley; and

14 WHEREAS, Every week this notable organization serves more  
15 than 42,000 meals to residents in need in Hidalgo, Willacy, and  
16 Cameron Counties; founded in 1983, the Food Bank is now the 36th  
17 largest in the country and the 5th largest in Texas, and it is  
18 benefiting many people in the Rio Grande Valley by providing vital  
19 food assistance, nutrition education, and access to community  
20 services; ably supporting its mission, Ms. Nelsen has been an  
21 active member of the group's board of directors for four years and  
22 is currently in her second year as president; and

23 WHEREAS, Through her efforts with the Food Bank, Ms. Nelsen  
24 also became involved with the UT-Pan American Student Food Pantry

1 Advisory Board; each week the pantry's new campus facility provides  
2 some 150 students with meals, helping them to meet a basic need so  
3 they can better focus on their studies and prepare for the future;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The selfless contributions of community leaders  
6 improve the lives of others in countless ways, and the citizens of  
7 Edinburg and the Rio Grande Valley are indeed fortunate to count  
8 Jody Nelsen among their fellow residents; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby commend Jody Nelsen for her exemplary leadership  
11 as president of the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley Board of  
12 Directors and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
13 success; and, be it further

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