

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, La Union del Pueblo Entero has been working in  
2 behalf of colonia residents in the Rio Grande Valley for more than a  
3 decade; and

4           WHEREAS, A nonprofit organization formed in 2003 as an  
5 extension of the United Farm Workers movement, LUPE endeavors to  
6 unite low-income and underrepresented citizens of the community to  
7 advance their standing on the social, economic, and political  
8 stages; the group, a member of the RGV Equal Voice Network funded by  
9 the Marguerite Casey Foundation, is focused on improving the living  
10 conditions, health care opportunities, and immigrant rights for  
11 colonia residents in the Rio Grande Valley; and

12           WHEREAS, Under the able guidance of its executive director,  
13 Juanita Valdez-Cox, LUPE has established five offices across  
14 Hidalgo County; in addition to serving as an organizational model,  
15 LUPE offers a variety of social services to assist its members,  
16 including help with immigration applications, income tax returns,  
17 and advocacy for workers' rights; and

18           WHEREAS, LUPE is making a lasting and positive difference in  
19 the lives of colonia residents in Hidalgo County and beyond, and all  
20 those involved indeed merit special recognition for their efforts  
21 to create a brighter future in the Lone Star State; now, therefore,  
22 be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby honor La Union del Pueblo Entero for its service

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1 in the Rio Grande Valley and extend to LUPE's leaders and members  
2 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 897 was adopted by the House on April 16, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House