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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of El Paso County benefit each day from  
2 the contributions of those public servants who greatly improve the  
3 quality of life in their communities through the fulfillment of  
4 their duties; and

5 WHEREAS, Jo Anne Bernal was appointed El Paso County attorney  
6 in 2009, becoming the first woman in the county's history to hold  
7 the position; since that time, she has worked to uphold the mission  
8 of her office by providing high-quality legal services in an  
9 ethical, professional, and capable manner; in addition to handling  
10 complex litigation, she oversees more than 100 employees and  
11 manages an annual budget of \$7.5 million; and

12 WHEREAS, Born and raised in El Paso, Ms. Bernal earned her  
13 law degree at The University of Texas at Austin and served with the  
14 Texas Attorney General's Office for six years prior to joining the  
15 El Paso County Attorney's Office; she has been recognized for her  
16 many professional accomplishments with the Outstanding Lawyer of  
17 the Year Award from the Mexican-American Bar Association and the  
18 Outstanding Young Lawyer of El Paso Award from the El Paso Young  
19 Lawyers Association; she has also given back to the greater  
20 community by sharing her time with the Advocacy Center for the  
21 Children of El Paso, the Opportunity Center for the Homeless of El  
22 Paso, and the El Paso Women's Political Action Committee; and

23 WHEREAS, Jo Anne Bernal has demonstrated a steadfast  
24 commitment to making El Paso County an even better place in which to

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1 live and work, and in so doing, she has earned the deep respect and  
2 appreciation of her fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby honor El Paso County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal for  
5 her efforts in behalf of her community and extend to her sincere  
6 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for Ms. Bernal as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
9 House of Representatives.