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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Melinda Martinez, an outstanding student at Texas
2 A&M University--Corpus Christi, has deservedly been named a 2015
3 USDA graduate fellow; and
4   WHEREAS, USDA graduate fellows are pursuing master's degrees
5 in agriculture, biology, or sustainable food systems; Ms. Lopez was
6 one of only 20 honorees from across the nation chosen to attend a
7 Career Preparation Institute in March that was held in conjunction
8 with the National Conference of the American Association of
9 Hispanics in Higher Education; and
10   WHEREAS, After earning a bachelor's degree in marine and
11 freshwater biology from The University of Texas at Austin,
12 Ms. Martinez served as a research assistant at Centro Ecológico
13 Akumal in Quintana Roo, Mexico, where she aided sea grass
14 conservation efforts for marine protected areas and helped develop
15 a sea grass monitoring program in Puerto Morelos; today, she is
16 working toward a master's degree in environmental science at
17 TAMU--CC by researching short-term wetland sediment accretion
18 rates on Mustang Island at the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of
19 Mexico Studies; in addition, she gives generously of her time and
20 talents in behalf of the Texas High School Coastal Monitoring
21 Program, which teaches area students how to measure beach profiles
22 and observe the beach and dune environment; and
23   WHEREAS, This talented individual has distinguished herself
24 through her hard work and dedication, and her ongoing commitment to

1 excellence truly heralds a future bright with promise; now,

2 therefore, be it

3   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

4 Legislature hereby congratulate Melinda Martinez on her selection

5 as a 2015 USDA graduate fellow and extend to her sincere best wishes

6 for continued success in all her endeavors; and, be it further

7   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

8 prepared for Ms. Martinez as an expression of high regard by the

9 Texas House of Representatives.