

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Maria Rodriguez, an outstanding student at Texas A&M
2 University--Corpus Christi, has deservedly been named a 2015 USDA
3 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, While pursuing her bachelor's degree in ecology at
11 TAMU--CC, Ms. Rodriguez learned essential field and lab techniques
12 through her involvement in a project funded by the Louis Stokes
13 Alliances for Minority Participation; in 2014, she received a
14 fellowship from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
15 Administration Environmental Cooperative Science Center and
16 subsequently enrolled in the university's environmental science
17 graduate program; there, her research has focused on dermo, an
18 oyster disease caused by a protozoan parasite, and on understanding
19 the ecological impact of reduced freshwater inflow to bays and
20 estuaries due to climate change; and

21 WHEREAS, This talented individual has distinguished herself
22 through her hard work and dedication, and her ongoing commitment to
23 excellence truly heralds a future bright with promise; now,
24 therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Maria Rodriguez on her selection as
3 a 2015 USDA graduate fellow and extend to her sincere best wishes
4 for continued success in all her endeavors; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1845 was adopted by the House on May 7, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House