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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

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.