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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira of Dallas is being
2 honored with a 2015 Maura Women Helping Women Award at the Dallas
3 Women's Foundation Leadership Forum and Awards Dinner on April 30,
4 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, The Maura Women Helping Women Award has been
6 presented for the past 36 years to those individuals who are working
7 to improve the lives of women and girls in North Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, Liz Cedillo-Pereira is the managing attorney of
9 Cedillo-Pereira and Associates, an immigration and nationality law
10 firm, and she teaches immigration law for The University of Texas
11 School of Law Conference on Immigration and Nationality Law and for
12 a course on the subject presented by the State Bar of Texas; in
13 2007, she cofounded the Dallas "Know Your Rights" project for the
14 American Immigration Lawyers Association, and she works with the
15 AILA's DREAM Defenders and Military Assistance programs; she has
16 also served on the American Bar Association National Commission on
17 Immigration; and

18 WHEREAS, A native of Dallas, Ms. Cedillo-Pereira attended
19 the University of Pennsylvania and earned her law degree at the
20 Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law; she has served
21 as a member of the City of Dallas Charter Review Commission and the
22 boards of the Dallas Foundation and the Dallas Hispanic Bar
23 Foundation, and as a trustee with the Callejo-Botello Foundation;
24 moreover, she has been the community philanthropy chair of the

1 Hispanic 100 organization, an advisor to the SMU Latino Leadership
2 Initiative, and a member of the advisory committees for the Irma
3 Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School and University
4 Crossroads; in 2014, she helped lead the Texas DACA Day Initiative
5 on behalf of the Texas Access to Justice Foundation; and

6 WHEREAS, This dynamic individual's many honors include the
7 Ohtli Award from the Republic of Mexico, the Groundbreaker Award
8 from the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Young
9 Entrepreneur Award from the Consulate General of Mexico, the Emerge
10 Leadership Award from *PODER Hispanic Magazine*, and the 2010
11 Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Service Award; in
12 addition, she has been recognized as a Best Lawyer in America for
13 three years in a row and has twice been named a Best Lawyer in Dallas
14 by *D Magazine*; and

15 WHEREAS, Liz Cedillo-Pereira's vision and ability have
16 enabled her to excel in her work as an attorney, an immigration
17 advocate, and a civic leader, and she may indeed take great pride in
18 her efforts to assist those who wish to take part in the American
19 dream; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Mary Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira of
22 Dallas for receiving a 2015 Maura Women Helping Women Award and
23 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for Ms. Cedillo-Pereira as an expression of high regard by
27 the Texas House of Representatives.