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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On December 16, 2014, Sarah R. Saldaña of Dallas won
2 confirmation from the U.S. Senate as assistant secretary in charge
3 of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the Department of
4 Homeland Security, and this impressive milestone in her career is a
5 fitting occasion to commend her for her many achievements; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of Corpus Christi, Ms. Saldaña earned her
7 bachelor's degree summa cum laude from Texas A&I University; after
8 working as an eighth-grade language arts teacher in Dallas schools,
9 she went on to work for the U.S. Department of Labor and the
10 Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as for the
11 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, before earning her law
12 degree from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law in
13 1984; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Saldaña began her legal career as a law clerk to
15 the Honorable Barefoot Sanders of the U.S. District Court, Northern
16 District of Texas, then moved into private practice at Haynes &
17 Boone LLP and Baker Botts LLP; during those years, she also taught
18 legal writing and research at the Dedman School of Law; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2004, Ms. Saldaña entered public service as an
20 assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Texas,
21 prosecuting cases in bank and mortgage fraud, civil rights, human
22 trafficking, and public corruption; in 2009, she became deputy
23 criminal chief of the Northern District, where she managed the
24 major fraud and public corruption section; and

1 WHEREAS, Two years later, this outstanding prosecutor was
2 nominated by President Barack Obama to be the United States
3 attorney for the Northern District of Texas, and she started in
4 September 2011, becoming the first Latina chief federal prosecutor
5 in Texas; in her new position with the Department of Homeland
6 Security, she will likewise be the first Hispanic woman to lead ICE;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Saldaña is a member of the William "Mac" Taylor
9 American Inn of Court, the Dallas and Texas Bar Foundations, and the
10 Dallas Bar Association; her extensive community service includes
11 membership on the board of the Dallas Center for Contemporary Art
12 and the City of Dallas Zoning Board of Adjustment, and her many
13 awards include recognition as the Latina Attorney of the Year by the
14 Hispanic National Bar Association in 2011; and

15 WHEREAS, Sarah Saldaña's intelligence, expertise, and
16 commitment to the law have greatly benefited the citizens of Texas
17 and earned her the deep and lasting respect of her peers, and she
18 may indeed reflect with pride on all that she has accomplished as
19 she takes on the challenges and opportunities of her important new
20 position; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Sarah R. Saldaña on her
23 confirmation as assistant secretary in charge of Immigration and
24 Customs Enforcement at the Department of Homeland Security and
25 extend to her sincere best wishes for success in her new position;
26 and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Ms. Saldaña as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.