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H.R. No. 2239

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mujeres Unidas/Women Together seeks to provide  
2 shelter and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence; and

3 WHEREAS, Established in 1978, Mujeres Unidas is dedicated to  
4 providing crisis intervention, counseling, and prevention  
5 education services to women, men, and children suffering from  
6 abuse; the nonprofit is led by a board composed of community  
7 representatives from diverse backgrounds, and assistance is given  
8 to those in need without regard to race, gender, national origin,  
9 age, disability, or religion; and

10 WHEREAS, Among the agency's important services and programs  
11 are a 24-hour crisis hotline, an emergency shelter, and legal  
12 advocacy; Mujeres Unidas also helps women with children become  
13 independent and self-sufficient through the Nueva Vida  
14 Transitional Supportive Housing Program, which assists with  
15 referrals to community resources, on-site GED and ESL courses, life  
16 skills classes, and day care; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to supporting the victims of abuse,  
18 Mujeres Unidas strives to educate abusive partners; led by trained  
19 health care providers, Men Against Violence is a 24-week batterer's  
20 intervention program that teaches offenders to take responsibility  
21 for their behavior and to explore nonviolent problem-solving  
22 methods; furthermore, the agency reaches out to the community with  
23 training for students, volunteers, and medical, criminal justice,  
24 and other social service agencies; and

1           WHEREAS, On April 18, 2015, the agency is hosting the sixth  
2 annual Walk In Her Shoes 5K Run/Walk/Community Awareness Fair;  
3 during the event, men are invited to walk the course in high-heeled  
4 shoes, raising funds and demonstrating that all individuals should  
5 take part in protecting their fellow citizens from violence; and

6           WHEREAS, Domestic abuse and sexual assault continue to  
7 devastate the lives of numerous Texans, and Mujeres Unidas is a  
8 vital resource in the effort to help victims become survivors; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby commend Mujeres Unidas/Women Together for its  
12 service to Hidalgo County and the Rio Grande Valley and extend to  
13 all those associated with the organization sincere best wishes for  
14 the future; and, be it further

15           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the  
17 Texas House of Representatives.