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H.R. No. 2940

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Maria Berriozábal is being recognized for her  
2 notable accomplishments by the Westside Development Corporation at  
3 the organization's 2015 Westside Honors Exitos en Nuestro Barrio  
4 Gala, taking place in San Antonio on May 21; and

5           WHEREAS, Selected as the public service honoree,  
6 Ms. Berriozábal has been a powerful voice for change in San Antonio  
7 throughout her work as a social and political activist; the  
8 daughter of immigrant parents, she became the first Mexican  
9 American woman elected to the city council in 1981, and over the  
10 course of her decade-long tenure, she was unafraid to stand alone on  
11 the issues in which she believed; she went on to narrowly lose her  
12 bid for mayor in 1991 but has remained active in civic affairs; and

13           WHEREAS, Ms. Berriozábal helped establish Hispanas Unidas, a  
14 nonprofit group dedicated to the education and advancement of  
15 minority women, and she has participated in the founding of various  
16 other Latina organizations; in 1994, she received a presidential  
17 appointment to be the United States representative to the  
18 Inter-American Commission of Women, held by the Organization of  
19 American States; she has further represented her country at  
20 conferences hosted by the United Nations and at the Fourth World  
21 Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995; and

22           WHEREAS, This esteemed advocate has additionally served as an  
23 instructor on women, minorities, and public policy at Harvard  
24 University after accepting a fellowship at the Institute of

1 Politics at the university's John F. Kennedy School of Government;  
2 today, she continues to ardently support social justice, peace, and  
3 environmental causes, and she enjoys serving as a mentor to younger  
4 activists; and

5 WHEREAS, Maria Berriozábal has made a meaningful difference  
6 in the community through her worthwhile endeavors, and she is  
7 indeed deserving of this significant accolade; now, therefore, be  
8 it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Maria Berriozábal on her  
11 recognition by the Westside Development Corporation at the 2015  
12 Westside Honors Exitos en Nuestro Barrio Gala and extend to her  
13 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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