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H.R. No. 3201

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Emily Reyna has demonstrated exceptional compassion
2 and commitment in her efforts to assist children and adults with
3 developmental disabilities, and in so doing, she has brightened the
4 lives of a great many people; and

5 WHEREAS, A Houston native, Emily Reyna first became involved
6 with Down syndrome in the 1970s while helping to care for her
7 neighbor's baby daughter, who was born with DS; Ms. Reyna later
8 gave birth to a son with Down syndrome, and she has since dedicated
9 herself to encouraging increased support, respect, acceptance, and
10 inclusion for persons with developmental disabilities and to
11 galvanizing others around the goal of providing a healthy
12 environment for adults with special needs to live
13 semi-independently; and

14 WHEREAS, Reaching out to the Hispanic community, Ms. Reyna
15 has hosted support groups in her home and paid personal visits to
16 individuals in need of advice for managing day-to-day challenges
17 associated with Down syndrome; moreover, she has attended a number
18 of conferences pertaining to the condition, volunteered with the
19 Down Syndrome Association, and contributed her time and expertise
20 to other initiatives that benefit persons with developmental
21 disabilities and their loved ones; and

22 WHEREAS, Those Texans who step forward to make a positive
23 difference in the world around them are indeed deserving of our
24 appreciation, and through her tireless advocacy for the members of

1 this vulnerable population and their families, Emily Reyna has
2 earned the admiration of all who know her; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor Emily Reyna for her lifelong service to
5 persons with developmental disabilities and extend to her sincere
6 best wishes for continued success with her many good works; and, be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Ms. Reyna as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.