

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 814**

**WHEREAS**, The Westside Development Corporation is honoring Maria Berriozábal on May 21 at the 2015 Westside Honors Exitos en Nuestro Barrio Gala in San Antonio; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, This esteemed advocate has additionally served as an instructor on women, minorities, and public policy at Harvard University after accepting a fellowship at the Institute of Politics at the university's John F. Kennedy School of Government; today, she continues to ardently support social

justice, peace, and environmental causes, and she enjoys serving as a mentor to younger activists; and

**WHEREAS**, The city of San Antonio is indeed fortunate to have passionate and engaged residents like Maria Berriozábal, whose history of community involvement is an inspiration to all who know her; now, therefore, be it

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

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Ms. Berriozábal as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate