

By: González of El Paso

H.R. No. 159

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A statue of Nestora Granillo Piarote of the Tigua  
2 tribe was unveiled during a ceremony at the Tigua Indian Cultural  
3 Center in El Paso on July 16, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1849 and raised in the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo,  
5 Nestora Granillo Piarote was a celebrated potter and a native  
6 speaker of the Tiwa language; by the time of her passing in 1918,  
7 she had become a highly respected figure in the Tigua community, and  
8 today, hundreds of members of the tribe are counted among her  
9 descendants; and

10 WHEREAS, Created by local sculptor Julio Sanchez de Alba, the  
11 bronze of this venerated matriarch is 12 feet tall and weighs one  
12 and a half tons, and it is mounted atop a seven-foot base; in  
13 addition to honoring the memory of its subject, the artwork also  
14 pays tribute to all tribal women; and

15 WHEREAS, The statue is the latest addition to the Ysleta Del  
16 Sur Pueblo's Tigua Indian Cultural Center, which provides an  
17 introduction to the tribe's five centuries of history in the El Paso  
18 region through exhibits and artifacts; it regularly hosts Native  
19 American dances and bread-baking demonstrations, and its gift shop  
20 features a variety of authentic Tigua pottery, jewelry, and  
21 clothing; and

22 WHEREAS, This striking new sculpture is an impressive  
23 contribution to the cultural legacy of Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, and  
24 all those associated with its creation and installation may take

1 pride in a job well done; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
3 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the dedication  
4 of the statue of Nestora Granillo Piarote at the Tigua Indian  
5 Cultural Center and extend to the center's staff sincere best  
6 wishes for continued success in their important work; and, be it  
7 further

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