

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Cecilia Garcia Akers is being recognized as the  
2 Humanitarian of the Year by LULAC Council No. 1 in Corpus Christi at  
3 the organization's 21st annual awards banquet on February 16, 2017;  
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5           WHEREAS, A native of Corpus Christi, Cecilia Akers earned a  
6 biology degree from St. Mary's University and worked as a medical  
7 assistant to her father, Dr. Hector P. Garcia, before completing  
8 her degree in physical therapy from The University of Texas Medical  
9 Branch at Galveston; she went on to serve as a member and chair of  
10 the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and as director of  
11 rehabilitative services at three major hospitals in San Antonio;  
12 she is currently in private practice, specializing in geriatric  
13 orthopedics and neuromuscular rehabilitation; and

14           WHEREAS, This notable Texan is a founding member and chair of  
15 the board for the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Foundation, and she  
16 has also served on the boards of the Texas A&M University--Corpus  
17 Christi Foundation, the Joe A. Gonzalez Education Is Our Freedom  
18 Foundation, and the Incarnate Word Academy; she is the author of a  
19 biography about her father, *The Inspiring Life of Texan Hector P.*  
20 *Garcia*, and after speaking about the book at the Library of  
21 Congress, she donated a collection of his World War II photographs  
22 to the library's Veterans History Project; she has received a  
23 number of accolades, including the Humanitarian Award from the  
24 Corpus Christi chapter of the NAACP and the American GI Forum

1 Women's Hall of Fame Award; and

2 WHEREAS, The strength of our communities is enhanced by the  
3 devoted efforts of individuals such as Cecilia Akers, whose  
4 tireless work has contributed immeasurably to the quality of life  
5 in the Corpus Christi area and beyond; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Cecilia Garcia Akers on her receipt  
8 of the Humanitarian of the Year Award from LULAC Council No. 1 and  
9 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for Mrs. Akers as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
12 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 414

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 414 was adopted by the House on March 2, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House