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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.