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H.R. No. 822

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Nelly and Mariselle Quijano and the teams at their
2 McDonald's restaurants in the Houston area have won distinction as
3 the 2017 Business of the Year from the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Cuba, Nelly Quijano fled to freedom in the
6 United States at the age of 16; she married another Cuban exile,
7 Dominic Quijano, and the couple operated a textile factory in New
8 Jersey before relocating to Houston and opening their first
9 McDonald's franchise in 1984; after noticing the popularity of
10 breakfast tacos among Houstonians, they began selling their own
11 version of the staple fare, and this innovation eventually led to
12 the addition of the breakfast burrito to McDonald's national menu;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, After Mr. Quijano's death, Mrs. Quijano's daughter
15 Mariselle joined her in the business, and their enterprise has
16 since grown to encompass 27 McDonald's restaurants and more than
17 1,500 employees; the Quijanos' success has won them recognition as
18 a McDonald's Regional Strategic Leadership Team and as Customer
19 Satisfaction Regional Pillar Leads, and they have received such
20 accolades as the coveted Ronald McDonald and Golden Arch Awards;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, In addition to growing a thriving business, this
23 remarkable mother and daughter have also dedicated themselves to
24 giving back; since 1985, their company has distributed 90

1 scholarships each year through the Houston Ronald McDonald House
2 Charities; Mariselle Quijano serves on the board of trustees of the
3 Pasadena Independent School District, and the Quijanos are active
4 supporters of the annual McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball
5 Tournament, which has generated more than \$1 million for the
6 Pasadena ISD Education Foundation; in 2016, the Quijanos initiated
7 "McTeacher's Nights," which also raise funds for the foundation;
8 moreover, they recently donated \$10,000 toward the purchase of
9 additional protective gear for officers of the Pasadena Police
10 Department; and

11 WHEREAS, For their exceptional civic engagement and
12 philanthropy, Nelly Quijano has been recognized as PISD's
13 Distinguished Citizen of the Year, and Mariselle Quijano has been
14 honored with the PISD Distinguished Alumnus Award; in 2014,
15 Mariselle was named Citizen of the Year by the Pasadena Chamber of
16 Commerce; and

17 WHEREAS, By creating jobs and sharing the bounty of their
18 hard work through acts of charity and service, Nelly and Mariselle
19 Quijano have proven themselves to be leaders in both their industry
20 and their community, and they are truly deserving of this
21 prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Nelly and Mariselle Quijano and
24 their McDonald's teams on receiving the 2017 Business of the Year
25 award from the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and extend to them and
26 their employees sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
27 it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Nelly and Mariselle Quijano as an expression of high
3 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.