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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Our communities draw immeasurable strength from  
2 civic-minded individuals like Eva Sandoval Bonilla, whose tireless  
3 efforts in behalf of her fellow Texans have contributed  
4 significantly to the quality of life in Fort Worth and beyond; and

5           WHEREAS, Ms. Bonilla embarked on her lifelong mission of  
6 serving the greater good at the age of 14, when she became the first  
7 Latina Candy Striper at John Peter Smith County Hospital; that same  
8 year, she also started volunteering at a United Way day-care  
9 center, and by the time she was 23, she had begun serving on her  
10 first board of directors; and

11           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has held the position of vice  
12 president of the national board of directors of MANA, A National  
13 Latina Organization, and she has helped raise more than \$1 million  
14 for the MANA Hermanitas program, which now benefits college-bound  
15 Latinas in four cities across the state; she has also chaired the  
16 Fort Worth chapter of the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas, and she  
17 was instrumental in the creation of the network's Latinas in  
18 Progress program for high school seniors as well as ArtSi, an art  
19 show that raises funds for the LIP Education and Scholarship  
20 program; and

21           WHEREAS, Ms. Bonilla has further given back as chair of the  
22 Linwood Neighborhood Association and as a member of the boards of  
23 Fort Worth Sister Cities International and the Women's Center, and  
24 she has held membership on several committees of the Fort Worth

1 Independent School District; furthermore, she is a lead volunteer  
2 for the AARP and a certified long-term care trainer and teacher for  
3 the association's Decide. Create. Share. program, and she helps  
4 lead the Safe Kids Coalition for Tarrant County as vice president;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, In recognition of her outstanding work, Ms. Bonilla  
7 has been named the Acting with the Stars Champion for the 2017 Stage  
8 West fund-raiser, the 2016 Mujer Poderosa/Strong Latina for the  
9 City of Fort Worth, the 2014 Fort Worth Neighbor of the Year, and  
10 the 2014 AARP Outstanding Volunteer in Texas; moreover, she has  
11 been presented with the President's Awards from the national board  
12 of MANA and HWNT, along with numerous additional accolades; and

13 WHEREAS, Through her myriad altruistic endeavors, Eva  
14 Bonilla has demonstrated a lasting commitment to making Fort Worth  
15 an even better place in which to live, and she has indeed earned the  
16 respect and gratitude of countless residents of the Lone Star  
17 State; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby commend Eva Sandoval Bonilla for her exemplary  
20 record of community service and extend to her sincere best wishes  
21 for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Ms. Bonilla as an expression of high regard by the  
24 Texas House of Representatives.