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H.R. No. 1374

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gina Gallegos of the Texas Department of
2 Transportation is being recognized as the Woman of the Year in
3 Transportation at the 2019 WTS International awards gala in Boston,
4 Massachusetts, on May 16; and

5 WHEREAS, The director of TxDOT's construction division,
6 Ms. Gallegos earned her bachelor's degree in civil engineering at
7 Texas A&M University and joined the department in 1994 as an
8 engineering assistant; she gained experience in various sections in
9 the Bexar Metro area office in the San Antonio District and then
10 served as project engineer for the city's largest construction
11 project, the Interstate 410/U.S. 281 interchange; and

12 WHEREAS, Following a series of promotions, Ms. Gallegos
13 became area engineer for the Bexar County area office, at a time
14 when it managed more than 40 projects totaling over \$700 million; in
15 2010, she was appointed director of construction for a 12-county
16 area in the San Antonio District, and seven years later, she was
17 named director of the construction division; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Gallegos has demonstrated exceptional
19 dedication to her profession through her efforts in behalf of the
20 next generation of engineers; she led the San Antonio District's
21 Young Engineers Group, and she has advocated for the field at
22 numerous career day events; moreover, she served as chair and as a
23 member of the advisory board of the Texas Alliance for Minorities as
24 well as president of her local TAME chapter; the recipient of

1 numerous honors, she received the Gibb Gilchrist Award from the
2 Texas A&M University Transportation Institute, and she was
3 previously recognized by WTS International with both the Innovative
4 Transportation Solutions Award and the 2018 Woman of the Year in
5 Transportation Award for the San Antonio District; and

6 WHEREAS, Benefiting the wider community, Ms. Gallegos served
7 on the 2010 Citizens' Bond Committee for the Northside Independent
8 School District; she is also involved in collecting presents for
9 the local children's shelter every holiday season; and

10 WHEREAS, Through her skill, leadership, and exceptional
11 commitment to the mission of the Texas Department of
12 Transportation, Gina Gallegos has earned the respect and admiration
13 of her peers and the deep appreciation of her fellow citizens; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Gina Gallegos on her selection as
17 the 2019 Woman of the Year in Transportation by WTS International
18 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
19 it further

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