

By: Guerra

H.R. No. 63

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Lidia Fonseca of McAllen received the  
2 Governor's Trophy from the Governor's Committee on People with  
3 Disabilities at its Lex Frieden Employment Awards ceremony on  
4 October 26, 2023; and

5           WHEREAS, Each October, in conjunction with National  
6 Disability Employment Awareness Month, the Governor's Committee  
7 recognizes Texans who have dedicated themselves to empowering their  
8 employees, coworkers, and fellow Texans with disabilities; the  
9 awards program is named in tribute to disability rights expert Lex  
10 Frieden, one of the chief architects of the Americans with  
11 Disabilities Act; and

12           WHEREAS, The committee's highest honor, the Governor's Trophy  
13 is presented to a person who has achieved great success in enhancing  
14 the empowerment and employment of Texans with disabilities; it  
15 acknowledges long-term commitment and exceptional endeavor at both  
16 the community and state levels; and

17           WHEREAS, Dr. Fonseca is the director of programs at Valley  
18 Association for Independent Living in McAllen; a passionate  
19 champion of disability justice, she works tirelessly to enhance  
20 employment opportunities for people with disabilities by  
21 coordinating job fairs, assistive technology demonstrations, and  
22 employment preparatory programs, as well as ensuring accessibility  
23 of facilities; she also advocates for accessible transportation in  
24 the rural areas that VAIL serves in her role as president of the

1 Regional Transportation Advisory Panel; making an impact at the  
2 state level, she serves as president of TEXCIL, an association of  
3 centers for independent living in Texas, and as a member of the  
4 board of the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Through her outstanding contributions, Lidia  
7 Fonseca has advanced the mission of building an inclusive,  
8 accessible work environment for Texans with disabilities, and she  
9 is richly deserving of this prestigious accolade; now, therefore,  
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
12 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Lidia  
13 Fonseca on receiving the 2023 Governor's Trophy from the Governor's  
14 Committee on People with Disabilities Lex Frieden Employment Awards  
15 program and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
16 success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Dr. Fonseca as an expression of high regard by the  
19 Texas House of Representatives.