

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, LULAC Project Amistad in El Paso is making a
2 positive difference in the lives of area residents; and

3 WHEREAS, Created in 1976, Project Amistad is a nonprofit
4 social service agency that provides direct delivery of services for
5 the elderly and for adults with disabilities; and

6 WHEREAS, The organization administers several programs to
7 meet the needs of area residents; through the El Paso County
8 Indigent Guardianship Program, LULAC Project Amistad serves as a
9 guardian for indigent persons who have no one else to care for them;
10 the probate court brings clients to the attention of LULAC Project
11 Amistad, whose caseworkers prepare initial assessments and testify
12 before the court; if the court assigns the agency as legal guardian,
13 caseworkers develop individualized service plans and monitor
14 clients accordingly; moreover, should a client die, they make all
15 funeral arrangements; and

16 WHEREAS, Low-income, elderly, and disabled persons at risk of
17 becoming homeless, poorly nourished, or unable to care for
18 themselves are referred to LULAC Project Amistad's Money Management
19 & Social Services Program by the federal Social Security
20 Administration, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and other
21 agencies; staff members manage the assets of these clients to
22 ensure they are provided with the necessary shelter, food, and
23 medication; and

24 WHEREAS, Recognizing a lack of transportation among elderly

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1 and disabled residents in El Paso County, LULAC Project Amistad
2 directs the Medical Transportation Program and the El Paso County
3 Rural Transit Program; medical transportation services, which
4 begin as early as 4 a.m. and run until 8 p.m., are especially
5 crucial for people who live in colonias; the rural transit program
6 works in conjunction with El Paso County and provides fixed-route
7 service to the nearest Sun Metro bus terminal for residents who live
8 outside the city limits; and

9 WHEREAS, Hundreds of people benefit each year from the
10 dedicated services of LULAC Project Amistad, and its outstanding
11 efforts to protect a most vulnerable segment of El Paso society are
12 indeed worthy of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor LULAC Project Amistad for its commitment
15 to serving the elderly and adults with disabilities and extend to
16 all those associated with the agency sincere best wishes for
17 continued success with their important work; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for LULAC Project Amistad as an expression of high regard
20 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2502 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House