

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Maria-Elena Giner has been named the 2023 Señora
2 Internacional by the League of United Latin American Citizens
3 Council No. 12 in Laredo; and

4 WHEREAS, Each year, LULAC Council No. 12 selects a Señor and
5 Señora Internacional as part of the Washington's Birthday
6 Celebration in Laredo, a month-long event that features parades, a
7 carnival, and an international bridge ceremony symbolizing the
8 friendship between the U.S. and Mexico; chosen for their
9 contributions to Hispanic Americans and the Southwest, the honorees
10 each represent one side of the U.S.-Mexico border; and

11 WHEREAS, The daughter of an immigrant, Maria-Elena Giner grew
12 up along the U.S.-Mexico border, and she is both bicultural and
13 bilingual; she attended Loretto Academy in El Paso and continued
14 her education at Loyola Marymount University, where she earned a
15 bachelor's degree in civil engineering; she went on to receive a
16 master's degree in business administration from The University of
17 Texas at El Paso and a doctorate in public policy from UT Austin;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Giner previously served as the general manager
20 for the Border Environment Cooperation Commission, and over the
21 course of her tenure, she focused on policies addressing
22 U.S.-Mexico cooperation on water, energy, and climate change; in
23 2021, she was appointed to her current role as the U.S. commissioner
24 of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States

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1 and Mexico; a registered professional engineer, she has also
2 published extensively on water policy and transboundary bilateral
3 cooperation; and

4 WHEREAS, Maria-Elena Giner has made vital contributions to
5 the U.S.-Mexico border region, and she is indeed deserving of this
6 most recent honor; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Maria-Elena Giner on being
9 named the 2023 Señora Internacional by LULAC Council No. 12 in
10 Laredo and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success
11 with her important work; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Dr. Giner as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.

Raymond

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 173 was adopted by the House on
February 14, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House