

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

By Lamar

A RESOLUTION to honor Tessa Lemos Del Pino in celebration of Women's Day on the Hill.

WHEREAS, Women's Day on the Hill is a time to honor the achievements of those Tennessee women who have paved the way for every person to have the opportunity to pursue the American dream; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is proud to be the home of the awe-inspiring Tessa Lemos Del Pino, the executive director of Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors, an organization that provides free or low-cost legal services to the immigrant community; and

WHEREAS, through Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors, Tessa Lemos Del Pino is proud to be a key part of a team that is dedicated to educating the community about immigration matters and advocating for immigrants; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors quadrupled the number of legal service providers that represent individuals appearing before Immigration Court and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services; and

WHEREAS, prior to her current position as executive director, she served as director of finance and administration at the Center for Global Health and Economic Development, business manager at the Mailman School of Public Health, and site coordinator and research associate at the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, Tessa Lemos Del Pino was raised by migrant farmworkers in a rural community in the Pacific Northwest; she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Washington and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Washington School of Law; and

WHEREAS, in saluting Tessa Lemos Del Pino on this special occasion, let us remember that when women succeed, America succeeds, as does Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Tessa Lemos Del Pino on her many contributions to the State of Tennessee as we celebrate Women's Day on the Hill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.