RECOGNIZING CORINA VILLARAIGOSA, THE FIRST LADY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary woman, Corina Villaraigosa, the First Lady of the City of Los Angeles.

Corina is a working mother whose proven ability to balance a successful career while never losing sight of her first priority—her family—has made her a role model for countless Latinas and other women. Corina is a very talented and giving person whose love for her children and her students has no boundaries.

For nearly 20 years, Corina Villaraigosa has extended her love for children beyond her home and into the schools of the Montebello Unified School District. Thousands of young Californians, many of them English language learners, have been fortunate enough to call Mrs. Villaraigosa their teacher. Whether at home or in the classroom Corina creates an enriched environment that enables children to embrace the gift of learning and to become productive members of our society. She understands that education is the great equalizer for the Latino community and all communities. For Corina, teaching is truly a vocation, a calling to help young people—our Nation’s greatest treasure.

Corina’s strong sense of civic duty was learned at an early from her beloved parents. As a mother, a teacher and now as the First Lady of Los Angeles, Corina has always served her community with grace and distinction. The residents of Los Angeles are proud to call Corina Villaraigosa their First Lady.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mrs. Corina Villaraigosa for her selfless and extraordinary dedication to her family and community. She is a role model for future generations of Mexican-American women and all women, and I am honored to recognize her today.

CALLING FOR FREE AND FAIR PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

HON. CHET EDWARDS
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Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, with H. Res. 326, the House of Representatives calls for free and fair parliamentary elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan. Without question, we send a message with this resolution that im-