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To: City of Houston Mayor John Whitmire
Chairs Roland Garcia and Lenora Sorola-Pohlman
Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Selection Committee

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RE: Nomination of Tina Marie Salazar- for Arts in the Community Hispanic Heritage Awards During Hispanic Heritage Month

Attached is a bio/resume' for Ms. Tina Marie Salazar whom I had the pleasure to meet after watching a Houston Life segment on KPRC, Channel 2 TV. She was being highlighted for her unique shop located in the East End that included Latino arts, crafts and clothing she herself designed, along with other Latino artifacts.

I was so impressed by her background and her story about how she learned her craft and interest in designing from her Dad and sewing talent from her Mom. Of particular interest was that she worked/designed paintings for Tilman Fertitta's famous properties for 9 years, to include Joe's Crab Shacks, Saltgrass Steakhouse, the Kemah Broadwalk and among other properties – Mambo's LLC and Pappas, Inc.

I was equally amazed when she shared that she had painted and outlined crosses in gold at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Downtown Houston at 100 ft. above, no less.

I decided to visit her store and quickly picked up some unique gifts for my friends and family and intend to return with others to promote her shop. She

designs T-Shirts and other clothing and imprints that depict Latino arts and culture.

She is quite humble and unassuming and deserves this recognition for her many accomplishments and for enhancing and promoting Latino Arts and Culture.

Please consider LatinaTina for the “Arts on the Community” Hispanic Heritage Awards.

Sincerely,

M. Helen Cavazos
Mayor’s Hispanic Advisory Board
Chair – Sub-committee on Education

Included are photos and supporting documents.