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***Texas Workforce Commission Chair visits TMC Center***

**Laredo** – During her visit to Laredo, Diane Rath, Commissioner and Chair of the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), took the opportunity to visit with the staff and children of the Henry Bonilla Migrant Seasonal Head Start Center. Chair Rath was given a tour and presented with an overview of the different services provided to the families assisted by the Center.

“We are excited that Ms. Rath took the opportunity to visit our center and observe the success our Center is having with the children, ages six weeks to five years, that are housed at our center”, stated Norma Flores – Center Manager. Topics such as health and nutrition, educational tools, mental development and parental involvement were explained to Ms. Rath by various Center staff. Chair Rath, also took time to congratulate CDA, San Juanita Romero. Ms. Romero will be receiving her Bachelor’s Degree from Texas A&M International University tomorrow (Saturday) morning.

“As Chair of the Texas Workforce Commission, her work with families has demonstrated the importance that education and a healthy family plays when preparing to enter the workforce. Her work with programs such as Child Care Services, the Texas Early Education Model, The Dia de los Niños/Day of the Child Celebration, the Texas Enterprise Fund and countless family development training models has proven her success as a champion for families and their children”, stated Mary Capello – CEO..

Chair Diane Rath, who was nominated by President Bush to serve as Assistant Secretary of the Administration for Children and Families at U.S. Health and Human Services (pending Senate confirmation), was given a portrait of the children with her as a souvenir of her visit.

TWC Chair Rath was in Laredo to serve as the keynote speaker at the Workforce Solutions of South Texas 2007 Employer Awards Luncheon held at the Embassy Suites.

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