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H.R. No. 646

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Becky Calzada of FReadom Fighters was selected as a
2 recipient of the 2022 Intellectual Freedom Award from the American
3 Association of School Librarians; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1982, the Intellectual Freedom Award
5 recognizes professionals who have demonstrated exceptional effort
6 in upholding the principles of intellectual freedom as set forth by
7 the American Association of School Librarians and the American
8 Library Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Together with Carolyn Foote and Nancy Jo Lambert,
10 Ms. Calzada created FReadom Fighters in November 2021 as a way to
11 highlight the positive work of school librarians, celebrate the
12 richness of children's and young adult literature, and provide
13 support for library professionals, teachers, and authors in the
14 face of escalating book challenges; the organization has since
15 gained a Twitter following of more than 15,000 people and created a
16 website where weekly actions are posted inviting the public to
17 raise awareness and advocate for the freedom of school library
18 users to access information; and

19 WHEREAS, Reading widely introduces young people to new words,
20 new concepts, and whole new worlds, allowing them to become more
21 informed and insightful members of society, and through her work as
22 a cofounder of FReadom Fighters, Becky Calzada is helping to
23 protect students' rights to explore, learn, and grow; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Becky Calzada on her receipt of the
3 2022 Intellectual Freedom Award from the American Association of
4 School Librarians and extend to her sincere best wishes for
5 continued success in her important endeavors; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Ms. Calzada as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.