

By: Blanco

S.R. No. 93

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Ramon Benavides Jr. of the Ysleta Independent
2 School District has been named the 2022 State Teacher of the Year by
3 the Council of Chief State School Officers and the 2022 Texas
4 Teacher of the Year by the Texas Association of School
5 Administrators; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, CCSSO celebrates State Teachers of the
7 Year from U.S. states and their territories, the District of
8 Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity by
9 providing them with a yearlong professional learning program; the
10 TASA Texas Teacher of the Year award is the highest honor that can
11 be bestowed upon an educator in the Lone Star State, and it
12 recognizes teachers who have demonstrated outstanding leadership
13 and excellence in the classroom; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Ramon Benavides is the son of migrant farm
15 workers who went on to become South Texas educators; he recently
16 earned his Ph.D. in education leadership policy from Texas Tech
17 University, and he has taught for more than a decade at Ysleta ISD,
18 where he is a biology instructor at Del Valle High School in
19 El Paso; in addition, he is a grant writer for the district, and he
20 has contributed to the Del Valle High campus community by
21 overseeing a Science National Honor Society chapter and sponsoring
22 several school clubs; he is also an adjunct biology instructor at El
23 Paso Community College, and he mentors high school, undergraduate,
24 and graduate students; and

1 WHEREAS, A leader in his field, Dr. Benavides is a member of
2 the Ysleta Teachers Association and the National Education
3 Association; moreover, he is actively involved with a number of
4 community organizations; he holds a biology degree from The
5 University of Texas at San Antonio, a chemistry degree from The
6 University of Texas at Brownsville, and a master of arts in teaching
7 science degree from The University of Texas at El Paso; in all his
8 endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his wife, Dr. Alyssa
9 Cervantes Benavides, and his son; and

10 WHEREAS, A strong advocate for equity in public education,
11 Ramon Benavides is committed to providing opportunities for Texas
12 students, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his receipt of
13 these prestigious accolades; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
15 hereby congratulate Dr. Ramon Benavides Jr. on being honored as
16 both the 2022 State Teacher of the Year by the Council of Chief
17 State School Officers and the 2022 Texas Teacher of the Year by the
18 Texas Association of School Administrators and extend to him
19 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Dr. Benavides as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas Senate.