

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Richard Rivera, superintendent of the Weslaco
2 Independent School District, was recently named the 2003 Regional
3 Superintendent of the Year by the Region One Education Service
4 Center, and this is a fitting title for an administrator who has
5 done so much to help build strong and effective employee relations,
6 increase public involvement in public education, and create new
7 educational opportunities for the children of South Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, Educated at Pan American University, where he earned
9 a bachelor's degree and a master's degree, Mr. Rivera worked as a
10 classroom teacher, coach, and assistant principal before serving as
11 a successful principal at the secondary school level; his insight
12 and dedication to excellence quickly won the respect and admiration
13 of students, teachers, parents, and peers alike; and

14 WHEREAS, This acclaimed administrator embarked on a new
15 challenge in 1996 when he was appointed superintendent of schools
16 for the Weslaco Independent School District; in the years that have
17 followed, Mr. Rivera has garnered many of his profession's most
18 prestigious honors, including the UIL Lamp of Knowledge Award and
19 The University of Texas at Austin Exemplary Superintendent Award;
20 he has also been recognized as administrator of the year by such
21 notable organizations as the Texas Classroom Teachers Association,
22 the Texas Educational Support Staff Association, and the Texas
23 Business Education Association; and

24 WHEREAS, Over the course of an illustrious career that has

1 spanned 36 years, Mr. Rivera has distinguished himself as an
2 educator and administrator of the highest order and as a Texan whose
3 contributions to public education have benefited many thousands of
4 citizens of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Richard
7 Rivera, Weslaco ISD superintendent, on his designation as 2003
8 Regional Superintendent of the Year by the Region One Education
9 Service Center and extend to him best wishes for continued success
10 and happiness in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mr. Rivera as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 32

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 32 was adopted by the House on July 18, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House