

By: Griggs

H.R. No. 3

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Karen Holcombe was accorded a great honor when she
2 was selected to receive an honorable mention as part of the Texas
3 Council for the Humanities' 2003 Outstanding Teaching of the
4 Humanities Awards; and

5 WHEREAS, Presented to only six teachers, this prestigious
6 honor acknowledges outstanding contributions to teaching,
7 curriculum development, and extracurricular programs in the fields
8 of art, drama, history, literature, foreign languages, government,
9 and social studies; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Holcombe has inspired, guided, and illuminated
11 the lives of her students at Birdville High School in North Richland
12 Hills, bringing enthusiasm, encouragement, and considerable
13 expertise to her composite social studies and advanced placement
14 U.S. history classes; and

15 WHEREAS, This exemplary educator attended the University of
16 North Texas, where she received a bachelor's degree in science in
17 1974, and remained at that university to pursue a master of science
18 degree, which she earned in 1978; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Holcombe is active in numerous professional
20 associations, including the National, Texas, and Mid-Cities
21 Councils for the Social Studies and the Association of Texas
22 Professional Educators; greatly respected by students and
23 colleagues alike, she has been named Birdville High School Teacher
24 of the Year 2002 and Birdville ISD High School Teacher of the Year

1 2002 and was awarded more than \$17,000 in Innovative Teaching
2 Grants by the Educational Foundation of Birdville ISD; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Holcombe challenges her students to think and
4 act with confidence, courage, and independence, and her lasting
5 contributions to their educations and futures are indeed worthy of
6 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Karen
9 Holcombe on receiving an honorable mention as part of the 2003
10 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Awards and extend to her
11 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Ms. Holcombe as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.