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H.R. No. 55

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Josefina Tinajero has been named dean of the
2 College of Education at The University of Texas at El Paso, and this
3 well-deserved appointment provides a fitting opportunity to
4 recognize this remarkable woman and her many significant
5 accomplishments; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Chihuahua, Mexico, Dr. Tinajero moved to El
7 Paso at the age of five; though she was unable to speak English when
8 she entered school, through determination and hard work she
9 mastered the language and graduated as valedictorian of Father
10 Yermo High School; and

11 WHEREAS, Inspired by her educational experiences, Dr.
12 Tinajero became active in bilingual education and teacher reform;
13 in 1986, she founded the Mother-Daughter program, which encourages
14 female Hispanic students to finish high school and attend college;
15 since its inception, the program has grown from 33 participants to
16 300, and a Father-Son program has also been established for young
17 Hispanic men; and

18 WHEREAS, This notable woman is committed to preparing the
19 bilingual educators of tomorrow and has received funding from the
20 U.S. Department of Education, allowing her to establish Project
21 BEEMS (Bilingual Educators with an Emphasis on Math and Science)
22 and Project CBTL (Cultivating Bilingual Teachers and Leaders); each
23 of these important programs will help to ensure the success of
24 bilingual students in Texas for years to come; and

1 WHEREAS, Duly recognized for her many contributions to
2 bilingual education, Dr. Tinajero was named the Carnegie Foundation
3 for the Advancement of Teaching Texas Professor of the Year in 2002
4 and a recipient of the National Multicultural Educator Award from
5 the National Association of Multicultural Education; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Tinajero's appointment as dean is a tremendous
7 credit to the vision and ability of this accomplished educator, and
8 her strong and skillful leadership will greatly benefit The
9 University of Texas at El Paso and students of the College of
10 Education; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Josefina
13 Tinajero on her appointment as dean of the College of Education at
14 The University of Texas at El Paso and commend her for the positive
15 impact she has made on bilingual education in the Lone Star State;
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Dr. Tinajero as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.