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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Craig Rendon, a world geography teacher for the past 2 five years at Communications Arts High School in the Northside 3 Independent School District of San Antonio, has received one of six 4 honorable mentions in the 2003 Outstanding Teaching of the 5 Humanities Awards, sponsored by the Texas Council for the 6 Humanities; and

7 WHEREAS, A highly talented educator and motivator of young 8 students, Mr. Rendon is manifestly deserving of this honor, which 9 recognizes exceptional contributions in teaching, curriculum 10 development, and extracurricular programs by Texas teachers from 11 kindergarten through high school; and

12 WHEREAS, Since 2001, when the United Nations High 13 Commissioner for Refugees and the National Geographic Society began 14 sponsoring a poster contest to highlight World Refugee Day, Mr. Rendon's students have won first place in the competition every 15 year; their work reflects a remarkable depth of understanding 16 regarding world events, a comprehension that has also drawn praise 17 18 from the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration in the United States Department of State; and 19

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Rendon's students consistently score extremely 21 well on advanced testing, placement testing, and the state's 22 required standardized tests; one of the most popular instructors at 23 his school, he captures his students' interest through a variety of 24 innovative approaches, all the while providing critical insight

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1 into complex international affairs; and

2 WHEREAS, Born in San Antonio to a career U.S. Air Force 3 family, Mr. Rendon earned a bachelor's degree in government from 4 The University of Texas (UT) at Austin in 1994 and subsequently 5 taught English for three years in Japan as a member of the Japanese 6 Exchange and Teaching Program; he was certified as a composite 7 secondary social studies teacher at UT-Austin in 1997; and

8 WHEREAS, This gifted teacher has lived in or visited 18 9 foreign countries and is fluent in three foreign languages, 10 including Japanese; realizing that what he does in his classroom 11 can influence his students for years to come, he seeks above all to 12 broaden their perspective and to develop in them an empathy for all 13 their neighbors around the globe; and

14 WHEREAS, In an increasingly interdependent world, Craig 15 Rendon is furnishing his students with lessons of immeasurable 16 value, lessons that will both enrich their lives and help them to 17 engage constructively in the world they are inheriting; now, 18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas 20 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Craig Rendon on 21 receiving an honorable mention as part of the 2003 Outstanding 22 Teaching of the Humanities Awards given by the Texas Council for the 23 Humanities and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued 24 success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Mr. Rendon as an expression of high regard by the Texas
3 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 36 was adopted by the House on September 22, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House