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H.R. No. 36

R E S O L U T I O N

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.
15 Rendon's students have won first place in the competition every
16 year; their work reflects a remarkable depth of understanding
17 regarding world events, a comprehension that has also drawn praise
18 from the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration in the
19 United States Department of State; and

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

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

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