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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A strong, effective system of free public education
2 for all youth is essential to our democratic system of government;
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4 WHEREAS, The United States has made considerable progress in
5 the social, technological, and scientific fields due to our system
6 of free and universal public education and to our qualified and
7 dedicated teachers, who have equipped their students with the
8 skills necessary to achieve their full potential; and

9 WHEREAS, Given the pivotal role that educators play in the
10 lives of young people, the National Education Association and the
11 National Parent Teacher Association are recognizing May 2-8, 2004,
12 as Teacher Appreciation Week; at this time, it is a pleasure to
13 honor an outstanding Texas educator, Maria Luisa Guerra, for her
14 exemplary contributions in the field of education; and

15 WHEREAS, Inspired by her parents to become an educator, Mrs.
16 Guerra, her family's first college graduate, earned a bachelor's
17 degree in Spanish from The University of Texas--Pan American (UTPA)
18 and a master's degree in education from The University of Texas at
19 Austin; for more than three decades, she has achieved outstanding
20 success in advancing the education of Latinos throughout the Rio
21 Grande Valley; and

22 WHEREAS, The current principal of Edinburg High School, a
23 position she has deftly filled for the past seven years, Mrs. Guerra
24 has been an active, progressive, and hands-on campus leader who has

1 brought distinction to her school in innumerable ways; under her
2 esteemed leadership, the school was declared an Advancement Via
3 Individual Determination National Demonstration School by The
4 University of Texas at Austin Dana Center; in addition, Edinburg
5 High was lauded by UTPA for having an especially high number of
6 students pursue higher education in recent years and for having
7 numerous juniors and seniors enrolled in concurrent college-credit
8 courses at UTPA; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Peña, in celebration of
10 Teacher Appreciation Week, has appropriately recognized this
11 remarkable educator for her steadfast commitment to public
12 education; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor Maria Luisa Guerra
15 for her exceptional efforts in behalf of students and extend to her
16 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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