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H.R. No. 147

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, San Juanita Olivarez, for her
14 exemplary contributions in the field of education; and

15 WHEREAS, Born in Mexico, Ms. Olivarez immigrated to the
16 United States at the age of 12; having grown up in a hardworking
17 migrant family and inspired by her parents, she was determined to
18 better her life through education, and she graduated from Edinburg
19 High School in 1973; and

20 WHEREAS, This notable woman went on to attend Pan American
21 University, earning a degree in elementary education; since that
22 time, Ms. Olivarez has worked with the Edinburg Consolidated
23 Independent School District and currently teaches third grade at
24 Betts Elementary School, where she has touched the lives of

1 countless young people during her distinguished tenure; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Peña, in celebration of
3 Teacher Appreciation Week, has appropriately recognized this
4 remarkable educator for her steadfast commitment to public
5 education; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor San Juanita Olivarez
8 for her exemplary efforts in behalf of her students and extend to
9 her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Ms. Olivarez as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.