

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, Elsa Martinez, for her
14 exemplary contributions in the field of education; and

15 WHEREAS, A graduate of Pan American University, Ms. Martinez
16 began her teaching career in 1974; she held positions with San
17 Benito ISD and La Feria ISD and returned to school to earn her
18 master's degree before transferring to Edinburg Consolidated ISD in
19 1986; and

20 WHEREAS, This notable woman currently teaches at De La Vina
21 Elementary School in Edinburg, where she has touched the lives of
22 countless young people during her 18-year tenure; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Peña, in celebration of
24 Teacher Appreciation Week, has appropriately recognized this

1 remarkable educator for her steadfast commitment to public
2 education; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor Elsa Martinez for her
5 exemplary efforts in behalf of her students and extend to her
6 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Ms. Martinez as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.

Peña

H.R. No. 149

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 149 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House