

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, Gracie Minyard, for her  
14 exemplary contributions in the field of education; and

15           WHEREAS, The 2003 District Intel Technology Teacher of the  
16 Year, Mrs. Minyard was born and raised in Edinburg and earned a  
17 bachelor's degree in liberal arts from The University of Texas at  
18 Austin and a master's degree in education from Pan American  
19 University; and

20           WHEREAS, Currently an AP government teacher at Economedes  
21 High School in Edinburg, Mrs. Minyard has long made a positive  
22 difference in the lives of her students; in addition to her role  
23 inside the classroom, she serves as a member of the District  
24 Curriculum Development Committee, and she sponsors her school's

1 mock trial team, which placed first this year in regional  
2 competition and eighth in statewide competition under her guidance;  
3 and

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

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
9 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor Gracie Minyard for  
10 her exceptional efforts in behalf of students and extend to her  
11 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for Mrs. Minyard as an expression of high regard by the  
14 Texas House of Representatives.

Peña

H.R. No. 154

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 154 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House