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H.R. No. 154

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.