

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 O. Ramos, for her  
14 exemplary contributions in the field of education; and

15           WHEREAS, Throughout an impressive career that has spanned  
16 over a half-century, Ms. Ramos has ably served schools in Texas and  
17 California with great distinction; not only an invaluable resource  
18 in the classroom, she also has worked as a teacher trainer and  
19 curriculum writer for the University of California, as a district  
20 Spanish coordinator, and as a Title VII director; in addition, she  
21 has developed and reviewed bilingual programs for both elementary  
22 schools and Head Start, and she assisted with published research  
23 concerning acculturation and mental health in Mexican American  
24 families in Texas border communities; and

1           WHEREAS, Always keeping up to date with the latest  
2 developments in her field, Ms. Ramos is affiliated with a host of  
3 professional organizations, including the National Education  
4 Association, the Association of Mexican American Educators, and the  
5 Texas Association for Bilingual Education, to name a few; moreover,  
6 she is a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary  
7 sorority for female educators; and

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

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

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

Peña

H.R. No. 155

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 155 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House