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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, Ofelia Guajardo, for her
14 exemplary contributions in the field of education; and

15 WHEREAS, A 1972 graduate of The University of Texas--Pan
16 American, Mrs. Guajardo has ably served Texas students for three
17 decades; currently teaching oral language at José de Escandon
18 Elementary School in Edinburg, she has taught in an array of
19 elementary schools, providing quality instruction to all her
20 pupils; and

21 WHEREAS, Not only highly effective in the classroom,
22 Mrs. Guajardo also has been instrumental in the creation of a host
23 of student organizations, all designed to familiarize children with
24 the benefits of extracurricular activities; the founder of the

1 Escandon Student Council, a folklorico group, and a club that
2 allows migrant parents and students to network and exchange
3 experiences, she has made a true difference in the lives of many;
4 and

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

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

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