

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, Graciela De Leon Perez, for
14 her exemplary contributions in the field of education; and

15 WHEREAS, The daughter of migrant workers, Mrs. Perez learned
16 the value of education at a young age, and through her parents'
17 encouragement, she became a teacher with the Edinburg Consolidated
18 Independent School District, a career that has spanned three
19 decades; teaching individuals in classes ranging from
20 prekindergarten to adult education, she has enhanced the lives of
21 countless people throughout her distinguished tenure, providing
22 quality instruction and guidance to her many pupils; and

23 WHEREAS, In addition, Mrs. Perez has ably served the Texas
24 Classroom Teachers Association for over 25 years as a local officer

1 and member of the state board; and

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

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor Graciela De Leon
8 Perez for her exceptional efforts in behalf of students and extend
9 to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

Peña

H.R. No. 158

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 158 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House