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## RESOLUTION

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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WHEREAS, The United States has made considerable progress in the social, technological, and scientific fields due to our system of free and universal public education and to our qualified and dedicated teachers, who have equipped their students with the skills necessary to achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Given the pivotal role that educators play in the lives of young people, the National Education Association and the National Parent Teacher Association are recognizing May 2-8, 2004, as Teacher Appreciation Week; at this time, it is a pleasure to honor an outstanding Texas educator, Elizabeth Aguilar, for her exemplary contributions in the field of education; and

WHEREAS, Having grown up in a hardworking migrant family, Mrs. Aguilar became determined at a young age to better her life through education, and she overcame myriad challenges to graduate from The University of Texas--Pan American in 1998; since that time, Mrs. Aguilar has worked with the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District and currently teaches fourth grade at L. B. Johnson Elementary School, where she has touched the lives of countless young people during her distinguished tenure; a lifelong learner, she inspires her students with her passion for education and will soon continue her own studies as she pursues a master's

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- 1 degree in education; and
- WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Peña, in celebration of
- 3 Teacher Appreciation Week, has appropriately recognized this
- 4 remarkable 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 Elizabeth Aguilar for
- 8 her exemplary efforts in behalf of her students and extend to her
- 9 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 11 prepared for Mrs. Aguilar as an expression of high regard by the
- 12 Texas House of Representatives.