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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, Amancio Rodriguez, for his exemplary contributions in the field of education; and

WHEREAS, A former machinist, Mr. Rodriguez joined the staff of Economedes High School in Edinburg in 1980 as the metal trades teacher and has since served his students with great pride and distinction; involved in a host of professional organizations, he has chaired numerous committees and was named SkillsUSA-VICA Texas Advisor of the Year and a national finalist in 1995, Outstanding Region III Career and Technology Teacher for 1985-1986, and Outstanding District XIII Career and Technology Teacher for 1987-1988; in addition, Mr. Rodriguez's students have received an array of accolades at various competitions, a testament to his

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- 1 stellar teaching abilities; and
- WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Peña, in celebration of
- 3 Teacher Appreciation Week, has appropriately recognized this
- 4 remarkable educator for his 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 Amancio Rodriguez for
- 8 his exceptional efforts in behalf of his students and extend to him
- 9 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 11 prepared for Mr. Rodriguez as an expression of high regard by the
- 12 Texas House of Representatives.