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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, A strong, effective system of free public education 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, Hilda Isabel Leal, for her exemplary contributions in the field of education; and

WHEREAS, A summa cum laude graduate of Pan American University who is currently working toward a master's degree, Mrs. Leal began her distinguished tenure with the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District 17 years ago, and since that time she has touched the lives of countless young people; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work in the classroom, this notable woman has served as a faculty representative to the Texas Classroom Teachers Association and as a district curriculum writer; she has also given generously of her time through her participation on committees, sponsorship of student organizations, and

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- 1 involvement in the community; 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 Hilda Isabel Leal 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. Leal as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 12 House of Representatives.

Peña

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 163 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House