

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, Ester Torres, for her
14 exemplary contributions in the field of education; and

15 WHEREAS, Having spent much of her childhood traveling across
16 the United States as a migrant worker, Mrs. Torres was determined to
17 better her life through education; inspired to become a teacher
18 after assisting with an ESL class in her high school days, she
19 joined the United States Air Force in order to finance her
20 education, and in the spring of 1986, her dream became a reality
21 when she graduated from Pan American University; and

22 WHEREAS, For the past 18 years, she has served the students of
23 Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School in Edinburg with great pride
24 and distinction, benefiting the lives of countless individuals;

1 currently a bilingual kindergarten teacher, she also coaches UIL
2 storytelling and sponsors the cheerleaders and the chess club; in
3 addition to being chosen to represent her school at TEA functions,
4 this notable and accomplished woman has helped design curriculum,
5 assisted in the development of district assessments, presented at
6 the Texas State Migrant Conference, and served as a mentor teacher
7 to university students; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Peña, in celebration of
9 Teacher Appreciation Week, has appropriately recognized this
10 remarkable educator for her steadfast commitment to public
11 education; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
13 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor Ester Torres for her
14 exceptional efforts in behalf of her students and extend to her
15 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mrs. Torres as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.

Peña

H.R. No. 164

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 164 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House