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H.R. No. 166

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 Mary Santiago for her exemplary contributions in the field of
14 education; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Santiago currently serves as financial aid
16 officer at Edinburg High School, where she has touched the lives of
17 countless young people during her distinguished tenure; and

18 WHEREAS, Her knowledge, experience, and passion for
19 assisting students have enabled her to play a key role in developing
20 and implementing programs that facilitate the transition from high
21 school to a postsecondary institution; among these programs are
22 ACT/SAT academies, junior workshops, financial aid workshops, and
23 information sessions for nonresident students; in addition, she has
24 assisted students in securing merit-based scholarship funds

1 totaling \$2 million in 2002 and \$2.5 million in 2003; and

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

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor Mary Santiago for her
8 exemplary efforts in behalf of the students of Edinburg High School
9 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
10 it further

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