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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, Hilda Araiza, for her
14 exemplary contributions in the field of education; and

15 WHEREAS, An Edinburg native and graduate of The University of
16 Texas--Pan American, where she earned a bachelor's degree in
17 interdisciplinary studies with a minor in bilingual education and a
18 master's degree in guidance and counseling, Mrs. Araiza began her
19 distinguished career as a second-grade teacher at Freddy Gonzalez
20 Elementary School; currently the Advancement Via Individual
21 Determination (AVID) coordinator and an AVID teacher at Edinburg
22 High School, she is pledged to encouraging students to continue
23 their education at postsecondary institutes; as a result of her
24 stellar work, countless students have pursued college degrees and

1 Edinburg High School has been honored with the status of National
2 Demonstration Site, a first for any South Texas school; and

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

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor Hilda Araiza for her
9 exceptional efforts in behalf of her students and extend to her
10 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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