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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; and

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, Celia Avila, for her exemplary contributions in the field of education; and

WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, Mrs. Avila is a graduate of The University of Texas--Pan American and will receive a master's degree in education administration this summer; this notable woman began her distinguished tenure with the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District in 1989 and currently teaches at the elementary level, where she has touched the lives of countless young people during her distinguished tenure; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Mrs. Avila enjoys lending her time and talents as a sponsor of the student council, the chess team, dance and drill teams, and the yearbook committee and as a member of the

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- 1 site-based decision making committee; 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 Celia Avila for her
- 8 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. Avila as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 12 House of Representatives.