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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, Horacio "Lacho" Garza of  
14 Edinburg, for his exemplary contributions in the field of  
15 education; and

16 WHEREAS, A valued educator at Sharyland High School in  
17 Mission since 1983, Mr. Garza has brought to his post a wealth of  
18 knowledge, having obtained a bachelor's degree in agriculture  
19 economics and teacher certification from Texas A&I University and a  
20 master's degree in agriculture education and horticulture  
21 certification from Texas A&M University--Kingsville; currently the  
22 head of the career and technology department and an agriculture  
23 science teacher at the school, he has made a positive difference in  
24 the lives of countless students; and

1           WHEREAS, This notable man is active in a host of professional  
2 organizations, including the national and state FFA, the National  
3 Association of Agriculture Educators, and the Vocational  
4 Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas; Mr. Garza has  
5 distinguished himself in a variety of leadership roles within each  
6 organization, ably serving on governing boards and committees and  
7 helping to shape agriculture education in the Lone Star State; and

8           WHEREAS, His many contributions have not gone unnoticed; in  
9 1987 the Texas FFA bestowed on Mr. Garza its State Honorary Lone  
10 Star Farmer Award, and in 2003 the National FFA conferred on him  
11 both its Honorary American Farmer Degree Award and its  
12 Distinguished Service Award; he has also been named the Sharyland  
13 High School Teacher of the Year for 2003-2004; and

14           WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Peña, in celebration of  
15 Teacher Appreciation Week, has appropriately recognized this  
16 remarkable educator for his steadfast commitment to public  
17 education; now, therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
19 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor Horacio "Lacho" Garza  
20 for his exceptional efforts in behalf of his students and extend to  
21 him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

22           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Mr. Garza as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
24 House of Representatives.