

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 set of Texas educators, the third-grade staff  
14 of Jefferson Elementary School in Edinburg, for their exemplary  
15 contributions in the field of education; and

16           WHEREAS, Under the leadership of principal Dominga Vela,  
17 third-grade teachers Yvonne Y. Garza, Leonel Pulido, Jr., Norma L.  
18 Parks, and Sonia Garza have recorded a 100 percent achievement rate  
19 for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test in the subject  
20 of reading for the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 school years; this lofty  
21 accomplishment is a shining testament to these educators' skill and  
22 commitment to academic excellence; and

23           WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Peña, in celebration of  
24 Teacher Appreciation Week, has appropriately recognized these

1 remarkable educators for their steadfast dedication to public  
2 education; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
4 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor the third-grade staff  
5 of Jefferson Elementary School for their exceptional efforts in  
6 behalf of students and extend to them sincere best wishes for  
7 continued success; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for them as an expression of high regard by the Texas House  
10 of Representatives.

Peña

H.R. No. 174

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 174 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House