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H.R. No. 1513

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Maricela L. Hinojosa of Humble has been selected as
2 the 2003 Special Education Teacher of the Year for the East District
3 of the Houston Independent School District (I.S.D.); and

4 WHEREAS, Since 2001 Ms. Hinojosa has held the post of special
5 education teacher/school chairperson at Eastwood Academy Charter
6 High School; located near downtown Houston, Eastwood holds an
7 exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency; and

8 WHEREAS, This exceptional educator brings to her
9 responsibilities a wealth of educational and professional
10 experience; she holds three degrees from the Universidad Autónoma
11 de Nuevo León in Monterrey: a bachelor's degree in industrial
12 engineering, a bachelor's degree in psychology, and a master's
13 degree in psychology/administration; in 2002 she earned an M.Ed. in
14 special education from the University of St. Thomas; and

15 WHEREAS, Before joining the Houston I.S.D. in 2000, Ms.
16 Hinojosa spent 16 years working for the nonprofit social service
17 agencies Avance, Inc., in San Antonio and Houston, and Neighborhood
18 Centers Inc., in the Bayou City; her myriad duties included the
19 design and implementation of programs ranging from literacy, jobs,
20 and parenting to juvenile delinquency prevention and child abuse
21 intervention and treatment; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Hinojosa has made presentations and conducted
23 training on an equally wide array of subjects at local, state, and
24 national gatherings; she has been a board member of Parents

1 Anonymous and a valued member of such other groups as the Hispanic
2 Boy Scout Committee, Hispanic Women in Leadership, Child Abuse
3 Prevention Network, and East End Revitalization Committee;
4 moreover, she played an instrumental role in the creation of the
5 Houston Literacy Consortium; and

6 WHEREAS, Through her unwavering commitment to her students'
7 well-being, her deep understanding of the challenges they confront,
8 and her inexhaustible resourcefulness and creativity, Ms. Hinojosa
9 is making an immeasurable contribution to the youth in her program
10 and to their prospects for a rewarding and fulfilling future; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Maricela L. Hinojosa on her
14 selection as the 2003 Special Education Teacher of the Year for the
15 East District of the Houston I.S.D. and extend to her sincere best
16 wishes for continued success in her many endeavors; and, be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Ms. Hinojosa as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.