

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Alicia Garza Figueroa has shared a lifelong love of
2 learning with generations of young Texans over the course of an
3 outstanding career in education that spanned more than four
4 decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on October 6, 1920, in Randado, Texas, to
6 Felipe and Herminia Garza, Alicia Garza grew up on a small ranch in
7 Jim Hogg County that was originally part of a land grant issued to
8 Hipolito Garcia by the Mexican government; she received her early
9 education from local volunteers at an area school and as a teenager,
10 she began teaching other young people to read and write at the
11 school, embarking on what would become her life's vocation; and

12 WHEREAS, At a time when less than one percent of the Hispanic
13 population graduated from college, Mrs. Figueroa sought a higher
14 education at Texas A&I University and completed her bachelor's
15 degree in 1948; she went on to earn a master's degree in education
16 and teach children in the Coastal Bend area for more than 44 years
17 before retiring; and

18 WHEREAS, This remarkable educator overcame adversity and a
19 humble beginning to achieve her own scholastic excellence, and she
20 has inspired countless students to believe in their own potential
21 and the power of education throughout her life; now, therefore, be
22 it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature hereby commend Alicia Garza Figueroa on her exemplary

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1 contributions as an educator and extend to her sincere best wishes
2 for continued happiness; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Mrs. Figueroa as an expression of high regard by the
5 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1588 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House