

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 533

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mary Melendez, who has been selected as a role model for the City of El Paso by the *El Paso Times* on the occasion of Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is celebrated annually during the month of March; to honor the vital roles women play in shaping new directions and ideas in society, the national theme of Women's History Month in 2003 is "Women Pioneering the Future"; and

WHEREAS, For its selection of women who serve as role models for the City of El Paso, the *El Paso Times* invited its readers to nominate women who have made a strong impact on their family, their neighborhood, or the entire city; the many deserving women who were selected for this public recognition are genuine trailblazers in a wide variety of fields; and

WHEREAS, Mary Melendez has gained the admiration and respect of her students and colleagues for her exceptional commitment to her role as a writing laboratory teacher and mentor at Socorro High School; dedicated to ensuring that her students continue their education beyond high school, she helps them excel in their studies and guides them through the process of applying to college; for her many contributions as an outstanding and caring educator, she was recognized with the 2001 Milken Educator Award and has been named Impact II Development Teacher and 2001 Socorro High School Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, With her many gifts and talents and through her initiative and perseverance, Mary has set a lasting standard for others to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Her worthy accomplishments and her pioneering spirit truly make Mary an inspiration for all citizens of El Paso and a source of pride for all Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Mary Melendez on her selection as a role model for the City of El Paso; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Shapleigh

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate