

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 551

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dolores De Avila, 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, Dolores De Avila, the principal of Ysleta Elementary School, has been a member of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association for the past 19 years; she was a governor's appointee to the Teacher's Professional Practices Commission and has served on the Partnership for Excellence in Teacher Education Advisory Board of The University of Texas at El Paso; and

WHEREAS, She is a religious education teacher at Santa Lucia Catholic Church and works with the El Paso Interreligious Sponsoring Organization's Alliance School Initiative; she

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received the Gold Nugget Award from the College of Education at The University of Texas at El Paso and was highlighted in the 2002 "Success Begins with UTEP" campaign; and

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

WHEREAS, Her worthy accomplishments and her pioneering spirit truly make Dolores 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 Dolores De Avila 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.

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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