

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 676

WHEREAS, A distinguished career in education concluded when Dr. Roberto Zamora retired as superintendent of La Joya Independent School District on February 28, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Himself a 1964 graduate of La Joya High School, Dr. Zamora earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Pan American College in Edinburg; in 1979, he received his doctoral degree in educational administration from The University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zamora returned to his hometown and joined La Joya Independent School District in 1980 as principal of La Joya High School; in 1987, he became superintendent of La Joya Independent School District; he served with distinction and merit in this position for five years and again starting in 1997 until his retirement; during his five years away from La Joya Independent School District, Dr. Zamora served as executive assistant to the commissioner of education and then as executive director for the Region One Education Service Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zamora ably led La Joya Independent School District, one of the state's fastest growing school districts, which has increased its enrollment from 10,000 to 19,500 students; in August 2001, the district earned a special honor when the Texas Education Agency named it a "Recognized" school district; composed of 13 "Exemplary" and "Recognized" schools, the district also possessed the only Blue Ribbon School in Region One; and

WHEREAS, Involved with The University of Texas-Pan American Center for Academic Research Education, he also served as committee president for the equity center, committee president for the South Texas Association of Schools, chairman for the Texas Migrant Council, and member of the La Joya Economic Development Council; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the field of education, Dr. Zamora has made numerous noteworthy contributions through his exemplary leadership, and he truly merits recognition as he embarks on a new phase of his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby congratulate Dr. Roberto Zamora on his retirement as superintendent of La Joya Independent School District and extend to him best wishes for future happiness; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Dr. Zamora as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate