

By: Pena

H.R. No. 619

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Edinburg school district has recognized Stephen  
2 F. Austin Elementary School teacher Minerva Gomez for 45 years of  
3 outstanding service in the education profession; and

4           WHEREAS, Born and raised in Rio Grande City, Ms. Gomez  
5 graduated from Edinburg High School in 1957 and earned her bachelor  
6 of arts degree in physical education with a minor in social studies  
7 from Pan American College in 1963; and

8           WHEREAS, She has taught at Stephen F. Austin Elementary  
9 throughout her career and also has taught English as a second  
10 language to adults in the community; she even would continue free  
11 classes in her home after the regular ESL classes ended for the  
12 term; and

13           WHEREAS, An engaging teacher with a big heart, Ms. Gomez  
14 created a project to teach her students to be good citizens by  
15 volunteering 15 minutes of their lunchtime to help at the Amigos del  
16 Valle Senior Citizens Center; she also organized the annual Jump  
17 Rope for Heart Event, in which she and her students have raised  
18 thousands of dollars for the American Heart Association; and

19           WHEREAS, Ms. Gomez, who is a proud advocate of her Hispanic  
20 heritage and culture, has for several years coordinated the annual  
21 Diez y Seis de Septiembre celebrations at the Plaza Hidalgo Square;  
22 her students sing the Mexican National Anthem and recite poems in  
23 Spanish; and

24           WHEREAS, Active in her community, Ms. Gomez belongs to the

1 Edinburg Library Board, serves as co-chair of the Edinburg  
2 Environmental Committee, and works on the school district recycling  
3 committee; she also is a member of the Edinburg 2020 Education  
4 Committee and the Cultural Activities Committee, participated in  
5 the St. Jude's Math Marathon, and raised hundreds of dollars for St.  
6 Jude's Children's Hospital; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the years, Ms. Gomez has received numerous  
8 deserving accolades; she was chosen as the 1995 Woman of the Year by  
9 the Edinburg community, and November 10, 1995, was proclaimed  
10 Minerva Gomez Day by the city; in addition, in 1996, the Edinburg  
11 Housing Authority named a learning center in her honor, and she was  
12 designated as a Notable Valley Hispanic in 1997; and

13 WHEREAS, In reflecting on the past 45 years, Ms. Gomez may  
14 recall with great pride the countless young people she has helped to  
15 set on paths to bright and rewarding futures, and it is indeed  
16 appropriate to commend her; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized  
18 Minerva Gomez by authoring this resolution in her behalf during the  
19 79th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
21 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Minerva Gomez for 45  
22 years in the teaching profession and extend to her best wishes for  
23 the future; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Ms. Gomez as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
26 House of Representatives.