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H.R. No. 938

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Heron Tamez has been accorded a great honor by the  
2 South San Antonio Independent School District with his selection as  
3 Teacher of the Year for 2004-2005; and

4 WHEREAS, The award recognizes this esteemed educator's  
5 commitment to inspiring students through innovative and effective  
6 instruction techniques and his leadership in the school, the school  
7 district, the education profession, and the community; he is now  
8 going on to represent the district as a candidate for the Trinity  
9 Prize for Excellence in Teaching, which was instituted by Trinity  
10 University's department of education nearly 25 years ago to honor  
11 and recognize outstanding public school teachers in greater San  
12 Antonio; and

13 WHEREAS, A Spanish teacher at Dwight Middle School, Mr. Tamez  
14 was raised in the poorest sections of Corpus Christi for most of his  
15 childhood and worked two jobs while pursuing his degree from Texas  
16 A&M-Corpus Christi; he understands all too well the temptations of  
17 gangs and other distractions, making him an ideal role model to his  
18 students, many of whom face similar challenges today; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Tamez has demonstrated a commitment to the youth  
20 of the Lone Star State that extends far beyond the classroom; active  
21 in a number of worthy community organizations, he ably serves as the  
22 district coordinator for the Walgreen's One-on-One program and is  
23 involved with the Coca-Cola Valued Youth Program, both of which  
24 provide mentoring programs to at-risk students; and

1           WHEREAS, Heron Tamez exemplifies the highest ideals of his  
2 profession, and his passion for teaching has truly enriched the  
3 lives of countless young Texans; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Heron Tamez on being named the  
6 2004-2005 Teacher of the Year for the South San Antonio Independent  
7 School District and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
8 achievement; and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Mr. Tamez as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
11 House of Representatives.