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H.R. No. 1745

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Eamon Kennedy of Richardson was named the Adapted  
2 Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Texas Association for  
3 Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance in 2003, and the  
4 following year he was nominated for the organization's top honor on  
5 the national level; and

6           WHEREAS, Mr. Kennedy is an adapted physical education teacher  
7 at Arapaho Elementary School, where he works with students of  
8 varying gifts and abilities; in his current position, he is  
9 responsible for establishing eligibility, developing  
10 individualized education plans, teaching, and programming for more  
11 than 100 students; and

12           WHEREAS, This noted teacher earned his bachelor's degree in  
13 physical education and health from Xavier University in Cincinnati  
14 and his master's degree in exercise science from the University of  
15 Arkansas; before working for the Richardson Independent School  
16 District, he taught physical education in Ohio, Arkansas, and  
17 Oklahoma; and

18           WHEREAS, He also is active in his community, coaching 13  
19 sports year-round, overseeing 20 volunteers and approximately 125  
20 athletes competing in the Special Olympics, conducting soccer  
21 clinics for youth, and serving on the education board of the  
22 Association of Retarded Citizens; during his career, he has  
23 received numerous accolades and was recently honored at a reception  
24 sponsored by the American Association for Active Lifestyles and

1 Fitness Council on Adapted Physical Activity; and

2 WHEREAS, With the camaraderie that he builds with his  
3 students and his unwavering dedication, Eamon Kennedy sets an  
4 exceptional standard for all educators, and his ongoing commitment  
5 to those with special needs continues to make a profound difference  
6 in the lives of countless young Texans; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby honor Eamon Kennedy for being selected as the  
9 Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Texas  
10 Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance  
11 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and  
12 fulfillment; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Mr. Kennedy as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.