

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Consuelo D. Rocha has a long history of commendable
2 service to the children of San Antonio, and her achievements are all
3 the more remarkable given the difficult challenges that came her
4 way in the early years of her life; and

5 WHEREAS, The second of six children born to her family, she
6 was pulled out of school following her parents' divorce at the age
7 of 13 to care for her two youngest brothers while her mother worked
8 full-time to support the family; when the United States entered
9 World War II, Mrs. Rocha became one of the women symbolized by Rosie
10 the Riveter, supporting this nation in a civilian job at Kelly
11 Field, and when the call arose for volunteers to take on such jobs
12 in Hawaii, she responded, with the full support and encouragement
13 of her mother; and

14 WHEREAS, Later married with a family of her own, Connie Rocha
15 watched her children progress through the private school system,
16 and recognizing that her eldest daughter, in high school, had more
17 formal education than she did, Mrs. Rocha returned to school;
18 attaining her GED within several months, she went back to work
19 full-time, determined to help make the dream of a college education
20 a reality for her family; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rocha began her career in education as a
22 teacher's aide with the Head Start program, ultimately working her
23 way up to the position of director and curriculum specialist;
24 together with her husband, Rudy, she later established her own

1 facility, Cariño Child Care Center, where she won widespread
2 respect and admiration for her love of children and dedication to
3 helping them learn; building the business into a thriving success,
4 she wore many hats, serving as director, teacher, labor contractor,
5 bookkeeper, bus driver, cleaning crew, and cook, while sharing her
6 early childhood education expertise with others in training
7 seminars around the state and taking on other important roles to
8 benefit the community; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1990, at the age of 65, this esteemed woman won
10 election to the San Antonio Independent School District Board of
11 Trustees as representative for District 4; during her distinguished
12 tenure on the board, she has served as both secretary and president,
13 helped the district improve the performance of its schools, and
14 promoted the passing of a bond election to repair deteriorating
15 facilities; and

16 WHEREAS, A staunch advocate for improving education in Texas,
17 she has been active with a host of related organizations, including
18 the Texas Association of School Boards board of directors, the
19 National Association for the Education of Young Children board of
20 directors, and the Texas Licensed Child Care Association, to name
21 but a few; and

22 WHEREAS, Connie Rocha exemplifies the determination, vision,
23 and compassion essential for the continued improvement of our
24 public school system, and because of her accomplishments as an
25 early childhood expert and member of the San Antonio ISD School
26 Board, countless students are on the path to a brighter future; the
27 year 2005 marks the 80th birthday of this noteworthy civic leader,

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1 making this an exceptionally opportune time to pay tribute to her
2 myriad contributions; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commend Consuelo D. Rocha for her many years of
5 dedicated service to the citizens of San Antonio and extend to her
6 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
7 further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1948 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House