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H.R. No. 2144

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Teresa Estrada of McAllen received her associate's
2 degree in criminal justice from South Texas College on May 14, 2005;
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4 WHEREAS, A 52-year-old grandmother and the mother of four
5 sons, Mrs. Estrada demonstrated remarkable dedication as she
6 pursued her degree, overcoming health problems and balancing the
7 various responsibilities that come with being a wife, mother, and
8 grandmother; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to receiving her diploma, she was
10 honored at the school's commencement ceremony by school president
11 Shirley Reed with the Presidential Inspirational Achievement
12 Award; this prestigious annual award recognizes a student who
13 serves as a role model for students, faculty, and staff; and

14 WHEREAS, Another highlight of that memorable day was seeing
15 her 19-year-old son, David, receive his associate's degree, also in
16 criminal justice; the mother and son took three classes together
17 while pursuing their degrees and were often seen dining together at
18 the school cafeteria; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Estrada earned a GED after dropping out of high
20 school, but family obligations prevented her from attending college
21 until the fall of 2001, when she enrolled at South Texas College;
22 married to husband David for 28 years, she remains a dedicated wife
23 and homemaker, and she plans to continue her education by pursuing a
24 bachelor's degree in criminal justice from The University of

1 Texas--Pan American; and

2 WHEREAS, Teresa Estrada truly sets an outstanding example for
3 her fellow students, for her professors, and for all Texans, and her
4 receipt of an associate's degree in criminal justice is a special
5 achievement that is most worthy of legislative recognition; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Teresa Estrada for receiving her
9 associate's degree from South Texas College and extend best wishes
10 to her for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mrs. Estrada as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.