

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 328

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Maria Hernandez Ferrier for her contributions to her community and her country; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ferrier received a bachelor's degree in speech and a master's degree in education from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio; she continued her education at Texas A&M University, where she earned a doctoral degree in education administration; and

WHEREAS, In her 17 years of experience as an educator, she created award-winning models of education programs to assist underserved children and young people; she founded a church-based preschool for children with limited English proficiency to help prepare them to enter public school, and she established the Kelly Air Force Base Mentoring Partnership with Southwest Independent School in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Maria Ferrier was a founding member of Community Education Leadership Program, a program designed to develop leaders to work in multicultural communities, and she served as a director of English as a Second Language for the community education program of the North East Independent School District in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, She also served as the executive director of City Year, the program model of AmeriCorps; she guided young people from diverse backgrounds as they assisted children from elementary schools in low-income areas, including many children with limited English proficiency; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ferrier was appointed deputy undersecretary and director of the Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement and Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students; she is currently the principal advisor to the United States secretary of education on all matters related to students with limited English proficiency; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary citizen, Maria Ferrier has volunteered for the San Antonio Literacy Commission, the San Antonio Rotary Board, and the San Antonio Air Force Community Council; she was selected as the first distinguished visiting professor for Our Lady of the Lake University Center for Leadership Studies; and

WHEREAS, Maria Ferrier's many accomplishments reflect her commitment and dedication to serving the educational needs of her community, her state, and her nation; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,
79th Legislature, hereby honor Dr. Maria Hernandez Ferrier for
her many contributions to the field of education and to the
children of our country; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for
her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 7, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate