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H.R. No. 199

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dagan Ferrier, an innovative and dedicated teacher
2 at Indian Creek Elementary School in the Southwest Independent
3 School District in San Antonio, has been named a winner of the
4 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award; and

5 WHEREAS, This gifted teacher almost chose a more lucrative
6 career in computer science but decided instead to devote himself to
7 elementary education; since 1991, he has been teaching fifth grade
8 classes at Indian Creek Elementary; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferrier holds his students to a high standard;
10 using math and science workbooks he has developed with fellow
11 teacher Jason Forde, he has greatly improved the performance of his
12 students on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferrier's teaching techniques allow him to
14 tailor instruction to each individual student's progress, with
15 excellent results; every one of his students has passed the math,
16 reading, and science sections of the TAKS test in recent years, with
17 more than half of them answering 90 percent of the questions
18 correctly; through the consulting firm he has founded with Mr.
19 Forde, Forde-Ferrier Educational Services, Mr. Ferrier makes his
20 workbooks and successful methods available to other teachers and
21 schools; and

22 WHEREAS, Dubbed the "Oscars of teaching" by *Teacher* magazine,
23 the Milken National Educator Awards reward educators who have
24 demonstrated their excellence in the classroom, their long-range

1 potential for professional leadership, and their ability to inspire
2 students, colleagues, and other members of the community; one of
3 four Texas teachers to win the award this year, Mr. Ferrier will
4 receive a \$25,000 cash prize at the annual Milken Family Foundation
5 National Education Conference in Los Angeles in April; and

6 WHEREAS, For 16 years, Mr. Ferrier has shown great
7 compassion, commitment, and creativity in serving the children of
8 Indian Creek Elementary School; by challenging and supporting his
9 students, he has helped them find the path to academic success, and
10 his record of achievement distinguishes him as a most worthy
11 recipient for this prestigious commendation; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Dagan Ferrier for winning a Milken
14 Family Foundation National Educator Award and extend to him best
15 wishes for continued success in his teaching career; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. Ferrier as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.