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H.R. No. 268

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dana Kristin Boyd, a second-grade teacher at Dolphin
2 Terrace Elementary School in the Ysleta Independent School District
3 in El Paso, has been chosen as the Texas Elementary Teacher of the
4 Year for 2007 by the Texas Education Agency; and

5 WHEREAS, Dana Boyd dreamed of being a teacher ever since she
6 was a child; growing up in a house full of books, she especially
7 treasured a chalkboard that she received as a Christmas present one
8 year; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Boyd has taught first, second, and third grade
10 at Dolphin Terrace School since 1999; fostering a welcoming
11 environment in her classroom, she instills confidence and a drive
12 for excellence in her students and creates a family atmosphere
13 through letters sent home with each student and with a regular
14 potluck luncheon for students and their parents; and

15 WHEREAS, An innovative education professional, Ms. Boyd has
16 strengthened the ties between her classroom and the community;
17 arranging for local businesses to donate bicycles, she awards a
18 bike every grading period to a student with a perfect attendance
19 record; moreover, she helps her students give back to the community
20 through an annual fund-raising drive for the Alzheimer's
21 Association, for which her class alone has raised more than \$500;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The first African American selected for the Texas
24 Teacher of the Year award since its inception, Dana Kristin Boyd

1 will represent the Lone Star State in the National Teacher of the
2 Year competition; committed, compassionate, and dedicated,
3 Ms. Boyd is an exemplary member of her profession and an
4 outstanding role model for her students; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Dana Kristin Boyd for being named
7 2007 Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year by the Texas Education
8 Agency and extend to her best wishes for continued achievement in
9 the classroom; and, be it further

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