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H.R. No. 657

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Patricia Burkhardt, of the East Central Independent
2 School District in San Antonio, has been named the 2007 Region 20
3 Elementary Teacher of the Year by the Texas Education Agency; and

4 WHEREAS, This outstanding instructor taught high school
5 English for nine years before choosing to stay home full time with
6 her children; soon, however, she started volunteering at their
7 elementary school, and that involvement led her back to the
8 classroom, first as a substitute teacher and eventually as a member
9 of the staff; and

10 WHEREAS, Currently at Oak Crest Elementary School,
11 Ms. Burkhardt has taught fourth grade in the East Central ISD for 12
12 years; during that time, she has served as grade level leader and as
13 a mentor to university students and first-year teachers; she
14 encourages those she counsels to be actively involved in the
15 learning and teaching process, to stay well informed, and to have
16 high expectations of their students while meeting their daily
17 responsibilities with tolerance, energy, excitement, caring, and
18 resiliency; and

19 WHEREAS, Before winning recognition at the regional level,
20 Ms. Burkhardt was named Teacher of the Year by her school, John
21 Glenn Elementary, and chosen as Elementary Teacher of the Year by
22 the East Central ISD; and

23 WHEREAS, Held in the greatest esteem by fellow educators,
24 Patricia Burkhardt excels in one of the most vital and challenging

1 of professions, and she is indeed deserving of special recognition
2 on the occasion of her recent honor; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commend Patricia Burkhardt for the
5 contributions she has made to the East Central Independent School
6 District and congratulate her on being named the 2007 Texas
7 Education Agency Region 20 Elementary Teacher of the Year; and, be
8 it further

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