

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel P. Berriozabal has been named a recipient  
2 of the Innovations in Education Award from The University of Texas  
3 System; and

4           WHEREAS, Supported by the UT System Chancellor's Council, the  
5 Innovations in Education Award honors faculty members who institute  
6 creative educational efforts; Dr. Berriozabal's renowned work  
7 makes him a fitting choice for this award, which is being presented  
8 for the first time in 2007; and

9           WHEREAS, Manuel Berriozabal has been a college mathematics  
10 educator for 50 years and taught at Loyola University of Los  
11 Angeles, the University of California, Los Angeles, Tulane  
12 University, and the University of New Orleans before arriving at  
13 The University of Texas at San Antonio in 1976; for more than three  
14 decades, this inspired professor has been a valued member of the UT  
15 San Antonio faculty and has greatly contributed to the university's  
16 educational mission; and

17           WHEREAS, Of his many accomplishments, Dr. Berriozabal is best  
18 known for creating the Pre-Freshman Engineering Program, or PREP,  
19 in 1979 and guiding its development in the following decades;  
20 focusing its efforts on minorities, PREP is a summer enrichment  
21 program for middle school and high school students that helps  
22 prepare them for college-level studies in science and engineering;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, The success of Dr. Berriozabal's program led to its

1 expansion to other sites in Texas, where it is known as TexPREP, and  
2 to eight other U.S. states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,  
3 where it is known as Proyecto Access; in founding this  
4 groundbreaking initiative and in serving as executive director of  
5 the San Antonio and Proyecto Access programs, Dr. Berriozabal has  
6 helped thousands of young people to enhance their knowledge and  
7 prepare themselves for success as college students and  
8 professionals; and

9 WHEREAS, Highly respected for his expertise in mathematics  
10 and science education, Dr. Berriozabal has participated in a long  
11 list of other educational initiatives over the years; to name but a  
12 few of his more recent responsibilities, he has participated in a  
13 focus group for the Governor's Math Initiative, been part of a  
14 national blue-ribbon panel for the Building Engineering and Science  
15 Talent organization, and served on a number of awards committees  
16 that recognize the abilities of young scholars; in addition, he has  
17 shared his views as an invited speaker at conferences and meetings  
18 all around the country; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Berriozabal is a prominent figure in many  
20 professional organizations and has been honored with a variety of  
21 prestigious accolades, including being named one of the 100 most  
22 influential Hispanics by *Hispanic Business Magazine* in 2001,  
23 receiving the Yueh-Gin Gung and Charles Y. Hu Award for  
24 Distinguished Service to Mathematics from the Mathematical  
25 Association of America, and being inducted as one of the charter  
26 members of the Texas Science Hall of Fame; moreover, the San Antonio  
27 PREP and TexPREP programs have earned numerous national and local

1 commendations; and

2 WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Manuel  
3 Berriozabal has made use of his immense talents as a mathematician  
4 to assist students in attaining their own academic and professional  
5 success, and his achievements truly merit special recognition and  
6 praise; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Manuel P. Berriozabal on  
9 receiving the Innovations in Education Award from The University of  
10 Texas System and commend him for his many contributions and  
11 accomplishments; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1799

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1799 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House