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H.R. No. 1799

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.