

By: Leibowitz

H.R. No. 1849

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Constance Bridges, of Sandra Day O'Connor High
2 School in Helotes, has been selected to receive a 2007 Texas
3 Excellence Award for Outstanding Teachers by The University of
4 Texas at Austin alumni association, the Texas Exes; and

5 WHEREAS, This prestigious award is conferred annually on 10
6 high school teachers and two elementary school teachers who inspire
7 and support their students and who bring credit to the teaching
8 profession; honorees are chosen by a committee composed of alumni
9 volunteers, former recipients, and faculty from the UT College of
10 Education; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Bridges, who was in competition with more than
12 100 other teachers for the award, was nominated by O'Connor High
13 School principal Larry Martin, who praised her absolute refusal to
14 let her students fail; Connie Bridges currently teaches advanced
15 placement calculus and serves as an instructional coach for her
16 school's mathematics department; and

17 WHEREAS, In the 29 years that she has been teaching, this
18 esteemed educator has worked at several other high schools around
19 the state, including John H. Reagan High School in Austin and
20 Pflugerville High School, where she won Teacher of the Year awards;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, Ms.
23 Bridges earned a bachelor's degree in math and physical science
24 education and a master's degree in math education; in 1978-1979,

1 she was named Mathematics Student Teacher of the Year; and

2 WHEREAS, Her commitment to developing the potential of Texas
3 youth extends beyond the classroom; since 1995, she has served as
4 executive director of the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet
5 Girls State program; and

6 WHEREAS, Greatly respected by colleagues and students alike,
7 Connie Bridges is most deserving of this newest accolade to be
8 bestowed on her, and it is indeed a privilege to join in recognizing
9 one of the finest educators in the Lone Star State; now, therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Constance Bridges on her receipt of
13 a 2007 Texas Excellence Award for Outstanding Teachers from the UT
14 Texas Exes and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
15 success; and, be it further

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