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H.R. No. 473

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Martin Ray Reyna of San Antonio celebrated his 60th
2 birthday on August 23, 2007; and

3 WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, Mr. Reyna was born
4 in San Marcos in 1947 to Martin and Raquel Reyna; after graduating
5 from California State University, Dominguez Hills in 1974, he
6 attended the University of California at Irvine, where he became
7 involved in the Teacher Corp program; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna began his notable career in education in
9 Southern California, teaching in Santa Ana, Pico Rivera, and
10 Placentia before returning to Texas in 1980; and

11 WHEREAS, Settling in San Antonio, he joined the staff of the
12 Harlandale Independent School District and spent many years at
13 Terrell Wells Middle School, where he formed the Get Along Club;
14 under his guidance, this student group volunteered to help clean up
15 the San Antonio River, and their efforts led to the establishment of
16 the annual city-sponsored Basura Bash; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna went on to serve six years with the Dallas
18 Independent School District, and in 2001, after nearly three
19 decades, he retired from the teaching profession; throughout his
20 many years as an educator, he had a positive influence on the lives
21 of countless students and earned the lasting respect and admiration
22 of faculty, staff, and parents alike for his genuine interest in
23 providing young people with a strong foundation on which to build;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan also shared his time with the
2 Board of Resolutions for the National Education Association, the
3 Harlandale Teachers Association, which he served as president, and
4 the Texas State Teachers Association, which he served as director
5 for four years; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyna enjoys the love and support of his wife of
7 almost forty years, Margaret Reyna, their children, Michelle Reyna,
8 Marcos Reyna, Merced Reyna, and Martin Reyna II, and their 10
9 grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, With a close-knit and loving family, a distinguished
11 career, and more than six decades of wonderful memories, Martin
12 Reyna truly has reason to celebrate, and he may reflect with pride
13 on the many ways he has enhanced the community and the lives of
14 those around him; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Martin Ray Reyna on his 60th
17 birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
18 happiness; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. Reyna as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.