

By: Martinez

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Marla M. Guerra, superintendent of South Texas
2 ISD, has earned the 2009 Texas Excellence in Education Award from
3 AdvancED; and

4 WHEREAS, AdvancED is the parent organization of the North
5 Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School
6 Improvement (NCA CASI), Southern Association of Colleges and
7 Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS
8 CASI), and Commission on International and TransRegional
9 Accreditation (CITA); and

10 WHEREAS, The Excellence in Education Award honors one
11 individual from each of the state NCA CASI and SACS CASI chapters
12 for the individual's achievements in education; nominees are judged
13 on their efforts to generate a common vision and mission for higher
14 expectations among students, faculty, and the education community;
15 demonstrate a record of significant and distinguished contribution
16 to the education profession; provide a lasting, positive impact on
17 student learning; serve as a role model and mentor for students and
18 future generations of educators; and demonstrate significant
19 professional contribution to SACS CASI; and

20 WHEREAS, A truly deserving recipient, Dr. Guerra has worked
21 to raise TAKS, SAT, and ACT scores throughout the Rio Grande Valley,
22 and her efforts have led to increased participation in pre-advanced
23 placement and advanced placement courses; moreover, under her
24 leadership all four South Texas ISD high schools have earned

1 placement in the *U.S. News & World Report* "America's Best High
2 Schools: The Top 100" list, as well as the title of Honor Roll
3 School by the Texas Business & Education Coalition; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Guerra's career in education began with the
5 Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District, where she served
6 as a teacher, principal, district planning coordinator, and
7 district administrator during her 23-year tenure; she went on to
8 become an assistant professor in the department of educational
9 leadership at The University of Texas--Pan American before joining
10 South Texas ISD in 2001; and

11 WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas Woman's University, Dr. Guerra
12 earned her master's degree at Pan American University and her
13 doctorate from the University of Houston; and

14 WHEREAS, Young people are the Lone Star State's most precious
15 resource, and those Texans who devote themselves to their education
16 are truly deserving of our profound gratitude and admiration; Dr.
17 Guerra has served South Texas ISD with dedication and vision, and
18 her contributions have greatly benefited not only area
19 schoolchildren but the community as a whole; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Marla M. Guerra,
22 superintendent of South Texas ISD, on earning the 2009 Texas
23 Excellence in Education Award from AdvancED and extend to her
24 sincere best wishes for continued success with her important work;
25 and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Dr. Guerra as an expression of high regard by the Texas

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1 House of Representatives.