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H.R. No. 2864

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After more than three decades of distinguished
2 service to the Laredo Independent School District, Maria del Carmen
3 S. Sandoval retired as director for instructional technology in
4 June 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, Maria Sandoval graduated from The University of
6 Texas with honors in 1974, having earned a bachelor's degree in
7 elementary education and a Texas Educator Certificate; she resumed
8 her studies at UT the following year and obtained a master's degree
9 in vocational rehabilitation counseling; she went on to receive
10 additional certifications in special education supervision,
11 distance learning, and virtual instruction; and

12 WHEREAS, After joining Laredo ISD in 1974, Ms. Sandoval
13 worked in special education for nearly two decades and held the
14 positions of resource teacher, vocational adjustment coordinator,
15 and supervisor; in 1991, she became a technology coordinator, and
16 for the next 16 years, she helped modernize many of the district's
17 operations as a member of the technology committee; in addition to
18 introducing automated library software, she assisted the
19 leadership team in establishing expectations for both students' and
20 educators' technology proficiencies, purchasing communication
21 software, developing online grade books and lesson planners, and
22 initiating a laptop program for teachers; she also wrote technology
23 grants and created online training and professional development
24 courses; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Sandoval was active in the Texas Computer
2 Education Association and the Laredo Administrative and
3 Supervisors' Association, and she was honored with a Madrina Award
4 from the Dell TechKnow Group at Laredo ISD; moreover, her expertise
5 in the field of technology was recognized when she was appointed to
6 the superintendent's cabinet and the Region I Education Service
7 Center Technology Advisory Committee; and

8 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan demonstrated a commitment to
9 excellence in all of her professional endeavors, and her hard work
10 and dedication significantly benefited area schoolchildren as well
11 as the greater community; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
13 Legislature hereby commend Maria del Carmen S. Sandoval for her
14 notable contributions to the students of Laredo and the Laredo
15 Independent School District and extend to her sincere best wishes
16 for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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