

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 860

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Bexar County educators who have been selected as finalists for the 2009 Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching by Trinity University; and

WHEREAS, The prestigious Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching recognizes educators for their exceptional achievements in the classroom as well as their leadership as members of their profession and community; and

WHEREAS, Finalists for the prize have distinguished themselves in their profession and were chosen for their outstanding performance as teachers; the finalists from Senate District 26 for the 2009 Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching are Dianna M. Rabago from Edgewood Independent School District, Louis Sifuentes from Fort Sam Houston Independent School District, Michelle Wallish from North East Independent School District, Karen La Porte Pumphrey from Northside Independent School District, Maritha Tate from San Antonio Independent School District, and Dr. Chris Michael Gamel from The Winston School of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Children are the Lone Star State's most precious resource, and it is essential that they receive a high-quality education if they are to become successful adults; the finalists for the Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching have demonstrated the ability to inspire and motivate students and help them prepare for a bright and promising future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby congratulate these dedicated educators on being named finalists for the 2009 Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching by Trinity University and extend to them best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate