

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1014

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Candelario Barragan on his exceptional achievements as a teacher in the Socorro Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, Cande Barragan is a mathematics teacher at El Dorado High School in El Paso; in 2007, he was one of four teachers in Texas to earn the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, Called the "Oscars of Teaching" by *Teacher Magazine*, the Milken National Educator Awards were created in 1985 to reward and retain the highest caliber professionals in our nation's schools; and

WHEREAS, Cande Barragan grew up in a family of migrant farm workers, working in the fields as a young man before riding the bus to school; he graduated as valedictorian of Bowie High School and earned a degree in math, cum laude, from The University of Texas at El Paso; and

WHEREAS, A highly regarded educator who is beloved by his students, Cande was Teacher of the Year at El Dorado High School in the 2006-2007 year; noted for his teaching style, he brings enthusiasm and a zest for life to the classroom; his antics include singing and dancing and using humor to gain the attention of his students; and

WHEREAS, Cande voluntarily tutors students before and after school, and students often ask to be placed in his classes, including his advanced placement calculus class; his students are known to achieve a 98 percent passing rate on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Candelario Barragan on his outstanding work as an educator and extend congratulations to him on having been the recipient of a Milken National Educator Award; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Candelario Barragan as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Shapleigh

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate