

By: Gonzales of Hidalgo

H.R. No. 54

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rachelle Grace of McAllen Memorial High School has  
2 received the 2011 H-E-B Excellence in Education Leadership Award in  
3 the secondary school category; and

4 WHEREAS, Judged in cooperation with the Texas Association of  
5 School Administrators, the Texas Association of Secondary School  
6 Principals, and the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors  
7 Association, the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards celebrate  
8 public school professionals whose leadership and commitment  
9 inspire a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and  
10 abilities; the Leadership Award recognizes one elementary and one  
11 secondary school teacher from around the state who have 10 to 20  
12 years of classroom experience, and it provides \$10,000 to the two  
13 recipients and \$10,000 to the two schools; and

14 WHEREAS, Rachelle Grace is chair of the English Language Arts  
15 Department and Advanced Placement Campus Program at McAllen  
16 Memorial High School, and she serves as a new teacher mentor; a  
17 graduate of the University of Kansas, she earned her bachelor's  
18 degree in middle and secondary English language arts and has taught  
19 at Memorial for 15 years; her experience includes teaching at all  
20 grade levels and she has conducted courses in journalism, speech,  
21 and fine arts dance; and

22 WHEREAS, Employing humor and creativity, Ms. Grace engages  
23 her students and motivates them to reach their full potential;  
24 moreover, she gives generously of her time and talents to numerous

1 school committees addressing such issues as curriculum, staff  
2 development, and policy, and she promotes the use of technology in  
3 the classroom; she was named the school's Teacher of the Year in  
4 2010 and was then selected Secondary Teacher of the Year for the  
5 McAllen Independent School District and for Region One; in  
6 addition, she was instrumental in Memorial's receipt of a national  
7 College Board Honorable Mention Inspiration Award in 2009; and

8         WHEREAS, Rachelle Grace has helped countless young Texans  
9 discover the joy of learning as they acquire the practical skills  
10 they need to become productive citizens of the Lone Star State, and  
11 she has set a standard of excellence to which all in her profession  
12 may aspire; now, therefore, be it

13         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
14 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Rachelle  
15 Grace of McAllen Memorial High School on her receipt of the 2011  
16 H-E-B Excellence in Education Leadership Award in the secondary  
17 school category and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
18 success in her vital endeavors; and, be it further

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