

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Viola Vasquez Milan of Midland is celebrating her  
2 40th year as a public school teacher in Texas in 2011, making this a  
3 fitting opportunity to celebrate the achievements and  
4 contributions of this outstanding educator; and

5           WHEREAS, A fourth-generation Texan, Mrs. Milan was born in  
6 Fort Stockton in 1949, and she graduated from St. Edward's  
7 University in Austin in 1971; and

8           WHEREAS, Mrs. Milan began her distinguished career as a  
9 teacher in 1971, and she married Raymundo Milan in 1973; along with  
10 her husband, she helped establish one of the state's first  
11 bilingual programs in the Crystal City Independent School District;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, In 1974, Mrs. Milan joined the Midland Independent  
14 School District, and for the past 37 years, she has distinguished  
15 herself as a Spanish teacher at San Jacinto Junior High School;  
16 during her exemplary tenure, her students have regularly outscored  
17 other junior high and high school students in Midland on their final  
18 examinations and have taken top honors at many regional foreign  
19 language competitions; and

20           WHEREAS, In addition to her classroom duties, Mrs. Milan  
21 coached girls' volleyball, basketball, and track and field, guiding  
22 and inspiring her teams to numerous district championships; she  
23 also participated actively in the GEAR UP college preparatory  
24 program, helping students pursue their dream of a college

1 education; over the years, many of her former students have gone on  
2 to succeed, and a number are now lawyers, neurosurgeons,  
3 professional athletes, and elected officials; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Milan is a woman of strong religious faith, and  
5 she has been a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland for  
6 more than three decades; she has also been a member of the Texas  
7 Classroom Teachers Association, the St. Edward's University Alumni  
8 Association, and The University of Texas Longhorn Foundation; and

9 WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Mrs. Milan has enjoyed the  
10 love and support of her husband of 38 years, retired Midland ISD  
11 administrator Raymundo Milan, as well as that of her children,  
12 Melina Milan Cannon, Rey Milan, and Melissa Milan, and her extended  
13 family; and

14 WHEREAS, For 40 years and counting, Viola Milan has  
15 enlightened and inspired countless West Texas students with her  
16 dedication, passion, and commitment to excellence, and she may  
17 indeed take great pride in all that she has accomplished and all the  
18 lives she has touched as she celebrates this special anniversary;  
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
21 hereby honor Viola Vasquez Milan for her four decades of service as  
22 a schoolteacher in Texas and extend to her sincere best wishes for  
23 continued success in her important work; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Mrs. Milan as an expression of high regard by the 82nd  
26 Texas Legislature.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 53 was adopted by the House on February 8, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 53 was adopted by the Senate on February 9, 2011, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor