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H.C.R. No. 53

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.