

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Alda T. Benavides was named the Distinguished
2 Bilingual Educator of the Year by the Rio Grande Valley-Texas
3 Association for Bilingual Education on January 18, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of La Joya High School, Ms. Benavides
5 earned her bachelor's degree from The University of Texas--Pan
6 American and went on to complete training in mid-management
7 administration, counseling, supervision, and English as a second
8 language, and to receive superintendent certification; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Benavides served the La Joya Independent School
10 District as principal of Kika De La Garza and E. B. Reyna Elementary
11 Schools, and her exceptional efforts were recognized with the
12 National Distinguished Principal Award in 1997; in 2006, she was
13 named superintendent, and during her tenure she has helped promote
14 dual language instruction to better serve a population in which
15 nearly half of the students are bilingual; and

16 WHEREAS, Recognizing that bilingual graduates are more
17 marketable to employers and possessing a steadfast commitment to
18 excellence, Alda Benavides has made a positive difference in the
19 lives of many young Texans, and she is contributing greatly to
20 quality of education and economic prosperity in the Lone Star
21 State; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Alda T. Benavides on being named
24 the Distinguished Bilingual Educator of the Year by the Rio Grande

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1 Valley-Texas Association for Bilingual Education and extend to her
2 sincere best wishes for continued success with her important work;
3 and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Ms. Benavides as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.

Munoz, Jr.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 596 was adopted by the House on March 10, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House