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H.R. No. 1184

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Martha Serna has been chosen as the 2010-2011 Texas  
2 Adult Educator of the Year by the Texas Association for Literacy and  
3 Adult Education; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of El Paso, Ms. Serna earned bachelor's and  
5 master's degrees from The University of Texas at El Paso and Sul  
6 Ross State University; she taught kindergarten and prekindergarten  
7 in the Ysleta Independent School District for 19 years before  
8 becoming the coordinator of the Even Start family literacy program  
9 in the Socorro Independent School District in 1995; she was named  
10 the director of community education services in the Socorro ISD in  
11 2004; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Serna and her staff oversee English as a second  
13 language and English and Spanish GED classes as well as computer  
14 literacy programs, and she has helped more than 300 students earn  
15 their GEDs during her tenure as director; she has greatly increased  
16 the number of classes her department offers and the locations at  
17 which they are held, reaching more students in her area, and she has  
18 improved attendance and retention by regularly recognizing  
19 outstanding students; she is responsible for a forthcoming computer  
20 lab that will double the number of computers available to students  
21 and teachers, and she has partnered with El Paso Community College  
22 to develop a vocational ESL class; and

23 WHEREAS, Known as a team player who maintains positive  
24 relations with her colleagues, Ms. Serna always keeps her door open

1 to students, faculty, and members of the community; in all of her  
2 endeavors, she enjoys the love and support of her husband, Jesus,  
3 and her family; and

4 WHEREAS, Martha Serna demonstrates the leadership,  
5 determination, and commitment that are the hallmarks of our best  
6 teachers, and she is indeed an exemplary role model in her  
7 profession; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Martha Serna on her selection as  
10 the 2010-2011 Texas Adult Educator of the Year and extend to her  
11 sincere best wishes for continued success with her important work;  
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Ms. Serna as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
15 House of Representatives.