

By: Carter

H.R. No. 2797

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Karen Marx has been named the 2011-2012 Teacher of
2 the Year by the Dallas Independent School District; and

3 WHEREAS, A geometry teacher at North Dallas High School,
4 Ms. Marx distinguishes herself with her leadership, creativity,
5 and compassion; after dropping out of college and struggling as a
6 single mother, she returned to school and earned a bachelor's
7 degree in kinesiology with a minor in mathematics at The University
8 of Texas at Arlington in 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, That same year, Ms. Marx joined the Duncanville
10 Independent School District as a ninth-grade algebra teacher; she
11 began teaching algebra for Dallas ISD in 2004 and then served the
12 district for a time as an instructional mathematics coach; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2008, Ms. Marx returned to the classroom, where
14 she uses movement as a tool to teach math in such innovative
15 activities as "algebra aerobics," "rotation reviews," and
16 "four-corner answers"; her supervisors credit her with
17 significantly raising the school's 10th-grade geometry scores on
18 the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test; Ms. Marx is
19 currently working toward a master's degree in applied cognition and
20 neuroscience at The University of Texas at Dallas; and

21 WHEREAS, Teachers play a vital role in preparing the next
22 generation of Texans for the challenges and opportunities of the
23 future, and Karen Marx has worked to instill in her students a
24 lifelong love of learning that will serve them well throughout

1 their lives; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Karen Marx on being named the
4 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year by the Dallas Independent School
5 District and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
6 success and happiness; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Ms. Marx as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.