By: Watson

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to 3 recognize Dr. Joe E. Gonzales, who is serving his final year as 4 principal of Austin Can! Academy, an open enrollment, dropout 5 recovery charter high school serving at-risk students in Travis 6 County; and

7 WHEREAS, Since Dr. Gonzales began serving as principal of 8 Austin Can! Academy in July of 2007, the school has moved 9 consistently in a positive direction; enrollment increased from 88 10 students to 415; attendance rates increased from 70 to 87 percent, 11 and graduation rates increased three years in a row; and

12 WHEREAS, The academy's college readiness program has also 13 seen substantial increases in the number of students enrolled in 14 college and in the amount of financial aid they receive; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Gonzales earned a doctorate in education from 16 Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, in 1990, and he has 17 served with distinction as a superintendent of schools in Texas and 18 Michigan for more than 12 years; throughout his highly successful 19 career in education, Dr. Gonzales has also been a leader in civic 20 and academic associations, and he has received numerous awards and 21 commendations for his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas hereby commend Dr. Joe E. Gonzales for his outstanding career in education and for his many contributions to the success of Austin

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1 Can! Academy; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for him
3 as an expression of high regard from the Texas Legislature.

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