

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 279

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dan Leija, who has been named State Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, A fifth grade mathematics and science teacher at Esparza Elementary School in San Antonio, Dan Leija is an innovative and resourceful educator who has had a profound influence on the lives of his students; and

WHEREAS, Through a combination of alternative teaching methods and obvious concern for his students' well-being, Mr. Leija is able to reinforce the connection between what is being taught and its real-world application, so that students can become fully invested in their education; and

WHEREAS, Known throughout his school as Dan, Dan, the Science Man for the wide array of unique objects in his room and his weekly schoolwide science experiments, Mr. Leija has made science education a living experience for all his students, who have demonstrated impressive success on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leija has received recognition for his advancement of improved teaching practices; he appeared on the Public Broadcasting Service nationwide broadcast of a program in which he discussed innovative ways to teach at-risk students, and he has created and managed programs to help parents and fellow teachers alike; and

WHEREAS, Dan Leija has made countless contributions to his students and his community, and it is truly fitting that he be recognized with this signal honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Dan Leija on his commitment to his students and his profession and extend congratulations to him on being named State Teacher of the Year; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on February 28, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate