

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 524**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pride in recognizing Dr. Alda T. Benavides, superintendent of La Joya Independent School District, who recently was named Distinguished Bilingual Educator of the Year by the Rio Grande Valley-Texas Association for Bilingual Educators; and

**WHEREAS**, She was chosen for the award due to her many contributions to the district's Bilingual Education Program and her consistent emphasis on the importance of a bilingual education; in addition, she attends second language learning conferences and is an active member of the Rio Grande Valley-Texas Association for Bilingual Educators; and

**WHEREAS**, Recognized as an outstanding leader by her peers and the educational community, Dr. Benavides sets a determined course in the pursuit of excellence, and she works hard to help the district's students find success in their schooling; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary superintendent, Dr. Benavides stresses open communication and fosters a positive school ambience; she believes that if students succeed in learning two languages, their self-esteem will grow, and they will be more marketable for future educational endeavors and in the workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Benavides's distinguished leadership has played a major role in making La Joya Independent School District the exceptional school system it is today; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Alda T. Benavides on her notable accomplishments and extend congratulations to her on earning the title of Distinguished Bilingual Educator of the Year; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 16, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate