

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1207

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Yolanda Fernandez for being selected as a statewide grand prize winner of the H-E-B Excellence in Education Lifetime Achievement Award for secondary school teachers, and for demonstrating exceptional commitment to improving student achievement, increasing parental involvement, and creating opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes teachers with 20 or more years in the classroom, and Yolanda Fernandez competed with four other finalists from around the state for this honor, which was accompanied by a \$25,000 cash award and a matching \$25,000 cash grant for Del Rio High School; and

WHEREAS, Beloved by her colleagues and friends, she has been described as one of the best teachers in the state of Texas for her ability to inspire students in the classroom and to leave a lasting imprint on the hearts and minds of those in her charge; and

WHEREAS, Yolanda Fernandez has a recognized ability to teach English with passion, bring stories to life, and instill in her students an appreciation for the language that will benefit them all of their lives; and

WHEREAS, The H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards program is the largest monetary recognition awards program for educators in Texas and one of the largest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, H-E-B began this prestigious awards program in 2002 in cooperation with the Texas Association of School Administrators to support public education, to spotlight best practices, and to celebrate the work of Texas educators; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize Yolanda Fernandez for winning the H-E-B Excellence in Education Lifetime Achievement Award for secondary school teachers and extend to her congratulations on her outstanding success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem 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 May 26, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate