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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Martha McLeod, a science teacher at Fulton Learning  
2 Center, is being inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame on  
3 April 9, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, The National Teachers Hall of Fame was founded in  
5 1989 to celebrate and encourage excellence in education and to  
6 preserve the heritage of the teaching profession in the United  
7 States; each year, five of the country's most outstanding career  
8 teachers are selected for induction by a panel of Hall of Fame  
9 members, representatives from educational organizations, and  
10 business leaders; and

11 WHEREAS, Joining the ranks of these distinguished educators,  
12 Ms. McLeod is a fourth- and fifth-grade science lab instructor who  
13 has two decades of experience in the classroom, including nine  
14 years with Fulton Learning Center; she is known for the dedication  
15 and enthusiasm she brings to her work and for her immersion style of  
16 teaching, which is designed to promote a deep understanding of  
17 scientific concepts and a sense of responsibility for the natural  
18 world; a leader among her colleagues, she also serves as the science  
19 subject area coordinator, overseeing the training and operations of  
20 the science department, in addition to developing and updating  
21 curriculum; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. McLeod has transformed the Fulton campus into a  
23 hands-on learning environment, complete with multiple outdoor  
24 classrooms and habitats where students can observe wildlife and

1 grow their own vegetables; her efforts have earned the school  
2 designation as a Certified Wildlife Habitat and an official Texas  
3 Wildscape, and its grounds have become a destination in the  
4 community's annual HummerBird Celebration tour; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. McLeod's work to increase student engagement  
6 further includes her creation of two poultry gardens, which allow  
7 students the opportunity to harvest eggs and then sell them at the  
8 farmers' market, and a campus-wide metal recycling project, which  
9 has yielded more than 10,000 pounds of metal; moreover, she was  
10 instrumental in organizing the school birding team, and she  
11 established a junior docent program at the Aquarium at Rockport  
12 Harbor; always looking for ways to make lessons relevant to  
13 real-world contexts, she planned and implemented a comprehensive  
14 unit on area wetlands, in which students observe and analyze how  
15 water quality is affected by human activity; and

16 WHEREAS, This remarkable educator has garnered both state and  
17 national Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and  
18 Science Teaching and was a state finalist for the H-E-B Excellence  
19 in Education Teaching Award as well as the Texas Environmental  
20 Excellence Award; most recently, she was chosen from more than 540  
21 nominees to receive the 2013 Ernest and Sarah Butler Award for  
22 Excellence in Science Teaching by the Texas Medical Association;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Martha McLeod's passion and innovation have opened  
25 the minds of many young learners to the beauty and power of science,  
26 and this prestigious recognition is indeed a fitting tribute to  
27 this truly outstanding educator; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Martha McLeod on her induction into  
3 the National Teachers Hall of Fame and extend to her sincere best  
4 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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