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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gabriela Ortega, a fine arts teacher at Adams
2 Elementary School in San Antonio, has been selected as the
3 2012-2013 Harlandale Independent School District Teacher of the
4 Year; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Mexico, Ms. Ortega was 11 years old when she
6 moved to the United States with her family; she graduated at the top
7 of her class from Robert E. Lee High School and expanded her skills
8 at the North East School of the Arts, a magnet program; her
9 exceptional work earned her scholarships to the University of the
10 Incarnate Word, where she graduated magna cum laude; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Ortega joined the Adams faculty in 2009 and
12 immediately set about creating the school's fine arts curriculum
13 from scratch; today, Adams students can study drawing, painting,
14 watercolors, ceramics, printmaking, and sculpture, in addition to
15 music, keyboard, and choir; although her first student art show
16 attracted only 20 people, her hard work and persistence soon led to
17 an immensely popular event that now draws up to 600 visitors each
18 year; and

19 WHEREAS, This dynamic educator also helped start an
20 after-school arts club with Communities in Schools, and she serves
21 as the coordinator of the annual HISD art show and as the
22 representative of Adams Elementary for the Cultural Arts Parade;
23 moreover, she tutors bilingual students in preparation for state
24 testing; she is a talented artist and has exhibited her work at the

1 Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center and the Blue Star Arts Complex; and

2 WHEREAS, Through her ingenuity, energy, and genuine
3 enthusiasm, Gabriela Ortega has inspired her students to embrace
4 their creativity, and in so doing, she has fostered in them an
5 increased appreciation of the arts; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Gabriela Ortega on her selection as
8 the 2012-2013 Teacher of the Year by the Harlandale Independent
9 School District and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
10 success with her important work; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Ms. Ortega as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.