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H.R. No. 1972

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Joe Garay of Valley Hi Elementary School has been  
2 selected as a First Year Educator of the Year for 2012-2013 by the  
3 Northside Independent School District in San Antonio; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Garay joined the faculty of Valley Hi Elementary  
5 in 2012; previously, he was an elementary computer technologist,  
6 serving for four years at Valley Hi, for four years at Meadow View  
7 Elementary, and for a decade with Southwest ISD; for the past year,  
8 Mr. Garay has taught third grade and has engaged his students'  
9 interest through such activities as taking campus nature walks to  
10 identify photosynthesis and playing music that relates to the topic  
11 of study; and

12           WHEREAS, In addition to his innovative instructional  
13 methods, Mr. Garay creates an atmosphere of mutual respect in the  
14 classroom, encouraging pupils to be inclusive and urging the  
15 members of his class to support one another in their learning  
16 efforts; and

17           WHEREAS, His desire to improve the lives of young people is  
18 further reflected in the assistance he offers older students in  
19 filling out college and job applications and by helping them earn  
20 community service credits through tutoring; a man of strong faith,  
21 Mr. Garay has also founded a community church and a ministry to  
22 serve youth groups in the San Antonio area; and

23           WHEREAS, Teachers play a vital role in preparing the next  
24 generation of Texans for the challenges and opportunities of the

1 future, and Joe Garay works to instill in his students a love of  
2 learning that will serve them well throughout their lives; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Joe Garay on being named a 2013  
6 Educator of the Year by the Northside Independent School District  
7 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in his  
8 important work; and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Mr. Garay as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
11 House of Representatives.