

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ben Hernandez of Brandeis High School has been
2 selected as a 2013 Educator of the Year by the Northside Independent
3 School District in San Antonio; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hernandez joined the faculty of Brandeis High as
5 level leader for the Math Models with Applications course; during
6 his time at the school, he has helped restructure the MMA and the
7 Algebra I curricula and has been instrumental in improving the
8 testing outcomes of previously struggling students; basing his
9 instruction on the idea that all individuals want to succeed, he
10 uses a variety of teaching methods to reach many types of learners
11 and works to make his classroom a place where students want to be;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, This innovative instructor has also created
14 websites for his students on which he records videos of additional
15 lessons, helping his students learn the material in a different way
16 than was presented in class and allowing parents to keep up with the
17 course; moreover, he has incorporated a system that lets his
18 students keep track of their grades and assignments online; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Mr.
20 Hernandez has coached for the University Interscholastic League
21 Mathematics Contest during his four years at Brandeis, leading his
22 team to improve every year and to place first in the district last
23 year; he also supports his students in their extracurricular
24 activities and attended more than 50 events last year alone; and

1 WHEREAS, Teachers play a vital role in preparing the next
2 generation of Texans for the challenges and opportunities of the
3 future, and Ben Hernandez works to instill in his students a love of
4 learning that will serve them well in every aspect of their lives;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Ben Hernandez on being named a 2013
8 Educator of the Year by Northside Independent School District and
9 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and
10 happiness; and, be it further

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

Rodriguez of Bexar

H.R. No. 1976

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1976 was adopted by the House on May 22, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House