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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Dalia Aleman of Memorial Middle School in Mission 2 received fitting recognition when she was named the 2012-2013 3 Secondary Teacher of the Year by the La Joya Independent School 4 District; and

5 WHEREAS, The daughter of migrant farmworkers, Ms. Aleman 6 learned the importance of an education from her mother and father, 7 and she graduated from The University of Texas--Pan American with a 8 bachelor's degree in history; she joined the faculty of Memorial 9 Middle School in 2001, and she currently teaches eighth-grade 10 history and serves as chair of the department; and

11 WHEREAS, Committed to ensuring the success of every child she 12 teaches, Ms. Aleman uses Socratic questioning, simulations, and role-playing to engage her students, including dressing up as 13 14 important characters in history; she shares the success of her classroom philosophy with other educators and trains teachers on 15 16 lesson design and delivery; Memorial Middle School has honored her many contributions by naming her Teacher of the Month as well as 17 18 Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Her tireless work in behalf of students and teachers includes her service as a campus representative for the Association of Texas Professional Educators and as the founder and sponsor of the Silver Club, which encourages students to increase their awareness of the challenges faced by elderly people by volunteering in nursing homes and by interviewing their grandparents; and

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1 WHEREAS, Educators play a vital role in fostering the 2 ability, intellect, and self-confidence of children during their 3 formative years, and Dalia Aleman has helped many young Texans 4 develop a love of learning and greater empathy for others that will 5 serve them well throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas 7 Legislature hereby congratulate Dalia Aleman on her selection as 8 the 2012-2013 La Joya ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year and extend 9 to her sincere best wishes for continued success with her important 10 work; and, be it further

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