

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 864

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Norma Jean Hatch Cornejo for her many years of teaching and for her deep commitment to the youth of South Texas; and

WHEREAS, For more than 43 years, Mrs. Cornejo has worked closely with her beloved students at Orange Grove High School, both inside and outside the classroom; she has been a mainstay in their education and has served as an exemplary teacher of English, Spanish, English as a Second Language, and Advanced Placement courses; and

WHEREAS, Her passion for education extends beyond the traditional classroom; she has coached students in numerous Spanish cultural and comprehensive competitions and has found time to serve as senior class sponsor; she has also been a sponsor of the Spanish Club and the yearbook staff and a well-respected member of the selection committee for the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, On a broader community level, Mrs. Cornejo has the distinction of being the first Hispanic elected to the Orange Grove City Council; she has also served as secretary of the Alice Spohn Hospital Advisory Board and is a member of Crime Stoppers of South Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cornejo holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Woman's University, and she is an active member of Saint John of the Cross Catholic Church; she has been married to Robert Cornejo for 40 years, and they are the proud parents of Cristina C. Cornejo, who is a graduate of Texas A&M University at College Station and a resident of Austin; and

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WHEREAS, This outstanding citizen, cherished teacher, and devoted mother is indeed worthy of praise and acknowledgement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Norma Jean Hatch Cornejo on her exceptional career as a teacher and mentor to Orange Grove High School students and extend to her sincere best wishes for further success in all her endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mrs. Cornejo as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 9, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate