

By: Canales

H.R. No. 785

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Frances Rocha is being honored for her years of
2 service to the Edcouch-Elsa Independent School District; and

3 WHEREAS, A native of Elsa, the former Frances Silva attended
4 Edcouch-Elsa High School, where she was a member of Future Teachers
5 of America and a mentor for migrant kindergarten children and
6 special education students; the daughter of migrant workers
7 herself, she understood firsthand the challenges that children in
8 migrant families face; and

9 WHEREAS, Following her graduation, Mrs. Rocha began working
10 as a paraprofessional at Edcouch Elementary School, and she
11 enrolled in classes at The University of Texas--Pan American; after
12 obtaining her teaching certificate and teaching for six years, she
13 went on to earn a master's degree in education and became an
14 instructional supervisor at Edcouch Elementary; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rocha served as principal of Edcouch
16 Elementary School for six years and was subsequently appointed
17 director of education of curriculum and instruction; for the past
18 decade and a half, she has held the position of assistant
19 superintendent of curriculum and instruction for Edcouch-Elsa ISD,
20 and she served as interim superintendent of schools for 17 months;
21 remembering her own experience as a young student, she has been an
22 advocate for increased availability of and participation in
23 extracurricular activities within the district; and

24 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Rocha enjoys the love and

1 encouragement of her husband, Israel, and her children, Debra Lee
2 and Israel; she is also the grandmother of two Edcouch-Elsa High
3 School graduates, Taylor Francine and Danny Martinez; and

4 WHEREAS, Frances Rocha has devoted her professional career to
5 fostering a supportive educational environment for students from
6 all walks of life, and her contributions have benefited countless
7 young Texans; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Frances Rocha for her years of service to
10 the Edcouch-Elsa Independent School District and extend to her
11 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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