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H.R. No. 833

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Zoila Cardenas of James Mitchell Elementary School
2 in the Georgetown Independent School District has been named the
3 2014-2015 Education Service Center Region 13 Elementary Teacher of
4 the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, A solid education provides young Texans with the
6 tools they need to become successful and productive adults, and
7 Ms. Cardenas is dedicated to helping ensure that the future of the
8 Lone Star State rests in capable hands; for the past decade, she has
9 worked as a second- and fifth-grade bilingual teacher in the
10 Georgetown ISD; she has also devoted countless hours to assignments
11 that have impacted the education of students more generally,
12 serving on such bodies as the school district's science and reading
13 textbook adoption committees and the State Textbook Review Panel
14 for 2010 and 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Cardenas has additionally given of her time and
16 talents in support of many extracurricular activities at Mitchell
17 Elementary; in 2009, she launched a Saturday morning tutorial
18 program that has since grown to assist 60 underserved students in a
19 variety of subjects with the aid of six other teacher volunteers;
20 she has also organized science fairs and sponsored clubs, including
21 Girlstart, which helps young girls develop confidence in their
22 ability to succeed in the areas of science, technology,
23 engineering, and math; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Cardenas holds a bachelor's degree in

1 interdisciplinary studies from Texas State University, a master's
2 degree in Spanish language and culture from the University of
3 Salamanca in Spain, and a master's degree in education
4 administration from Lamar University; in 2012 she was a finalist
5 for an H-E-B Excellence in Education award, and she was the Mitchell
6 Elementary 2013-2014 Teacher of the Year; and

7 WHEREAS, Zoila Cardenas exemplifies the qualities that are
8 the hallmarks of a great teacher, and she has earned the respect and
9 admiration of colleagues and students alike; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Zoila Cardenas on her selection as
12 the 2014-2015 ESC Region 13 Elementary Teacher of the Year and
13 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success with her
14 important work; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Ms. Cardenas as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.