

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1024

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Shanna Peeples, who has been named the 2015 National Teacher of the Year by the Council of Chief State School Officers; and

WHEREAS, Shanna Peeples teaches advanced placement English and English III at Palo Duro High School in Amarillo; she also chairs the school's English department and serves as an instructional coach for other teachers; and

WHEREAS, She is the first Texas teacher to earn this prestigious national honor since 1957; she had previously been named the Amarillo Independent School District and Region 16 Secondary Teacher of the Year before being named the Secondary Teacher of the Year for the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, As a teacher at Palo Duro High School, she faces numerous unique challenges in her position; Amarillo is one of several cities in the nation that helps refugees find new paths in life and gain access to critical resources, and many of her students have only recently come to this country and possess limited skills in speaking English; and

WHEREAS, She was honored by President Barack Obama at a special White House ceremony, and as National Teacher of the Year, she will spend a year traveling across the country advocating for teachers; she will also be speaking on the difficulties of reaching students who live in poverty and of working with young people who have already faced extreme

challenges in their lives; she is truly deserving of special recognition for her dedication to her students and her extraordinary teaching skills; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend Shanna Peeples on her commitment to excellence in education and extend congratulations to her on earning the title of 2015 National Teacher of the Year; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Taylor of Galveston, Seliger

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 28, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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