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H.R. No. 473

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Patience LeBlanc of the Frisco Independent School
2 District has been named the 2017 Texas History Teacher of the Year
3 by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 2004, this prestigious award
5 recognizes educators at the kindergarten through high school levels
6 for excellence in teaching American history; each state winner is
7 honored with a \$1,000 prize and an invitation to a weeklong seminar
8 hosted by the institute, and the winners' school libraries receive
9 a core archive of history books and educational materials; and

10 WHEREAS, Patience LeBlanc earned her bachelor's degree from
11 Texas A&M University in 1998 and her master's degree in history from
12 Texas Woman's University in 2016; she currently teaches eighth
13 grade U.S. history at Fowler Middle School, where she strives to
14 make lessons interesting and memorable by dressing as historical
15 characters; she also aims to instill in her students an
16 understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its importance in their
17 lives; and

18 WHEREAS, A leader in her district, Ms. LeBlanc has designed
19 curriculum, conducted staff development seminars, and headed the
20 history faculty on her campus; in addition, she takes part in the
21 Citizen Bee civic education program, and she has been a forum
22 monitor for the James Madison Legacy Project of the Center for Civic
23 Education and a consultant to the State Bar of Texas Law Related
24 Education department; and

1 WHEREAS, Through her boundless enthusiasm for her subject,
2 Patience LeBlanc has brought American history to life for her
3 students, and in so doing, she has helped them develop the critical
4 thinking skills that will serve them well in the years ahead; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Patience
8 LeBlanc on her selection as the 2017 Texas History Teacher of the
9 Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and extend
10 to her sincere best wishes for continued success in her important
11 work; and, be it further

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