

By: Herrero

H.R. No. 413

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Rebecca A. Palacios is being recognized as the  
2 Educator of the Year by LULAC Council No. 1 in Corpus Christi at the  
3 organization's 21st annual awards banquet on February 16, 2017; and

4           WHEREAS, An alumna of The University of Texas at Austin and  
5 Texas A&M--Corpus Christi, Dr. Palacios worked for nearly three and  
6 a half decades in the Corpus Christi Independent School District,  
7 teaching prekindergarten through third grade until her retirement  
8 in 2010; today, she owns the Palacios Educational Consulting firm  
9 and serves as a senior curriculum advisor for ABCmouse.com; she has  
10 further distinguished herself as a cofounder and vice chair of the  
11 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and in 1997,  
12 she earned the distinction of becoming the first Texan of Hispanic  
13 descent to receive National Board Certification; and

14           WHEREAS, Dr. Palacios is widely recognized as a pioneer in  
15 the field of dual-language learning, and she has been honored with a  
16 host of accolades, including the 1987 Teacher of the Year Award from  
17 CCISD, a Y Women in Careers Award from the local YWCA, the Senator  
18 Carlos Truan Award of Distinction for Bilingual Teacher of the Year  
19 from the Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and a LULAC  
20 Outstanding Community Member Award; moreover, in 2014, she became  
21 the first Latina to be inducted into the National Teachers Hall of  
22 Fame; and

23           WHEREAS, The strength of our communities is enhanced by the  
24 devoted efforts of individuals such as Rebecca Palacios, whose

1 tireless work has contributed immeasurably to the quality of life  
2 in the Corpus Christi area and beyond; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Rebecca A. Palacios on her  
5 receipt of the 2017 Educator of the Year award from LULAC Council  
6 No. 1 and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be  
7 it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Dr. Palacios as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.