

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Maria Rodriguez Casas, superintendent of the  
2 Brooks County Independent School District, is being honored with a  
3 Y Women in Careers Award by the YWCA in Corpus Christi on March 1,  
4 2017; and

5           WHEREAS, The Corpus Christi YWCA has been recognizing  
6 accomplished women in the community through this awards program  
7 since 1979; those chosen for the distinction have achieved a  
8 notable degree of success in their respective fields, and as women  
9 who demonstrate integrity, a willingness to take on new challenges,  
10 and a commitment to excellence, they serve as outstanding role  
11 models for young girls, whose empowerment is a crucial part of the  
12 YWCA mission; and

13           WHEREAS, The daughter of migrant parents from Mexico,  
14 Dr. Maria Rodriguez Casas was labeled "at risk" when she  
15 transferred to Brownsville schools in the seventh grade; defying  
16 expectations, she went on to earn a bachelor's degree in  
17 accounting, a master's degree in educational administration, and a  
18 Ph.D.; after a successful seven years at the helm of Mathis ISD,  
19 during which time she guided the district to improved scholastic  
20 ratings, she became superintendent of Brooks County ISD, where she  
21 continues to promote academic excellence; and

22           WHEREAS, Through the skill and determination she brings to  
23 all her efforts, Dr. Maria Rodriguez Casas has earned the esteem of  
24 her peers and made contributions to her community that will

1 resonate far into the future; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Maria Rodriguez Casas on  
4 receiving a 2017 Y Women in Careers Award from the YWCA of Corpus  
5 Christi and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and,  
6 be it further

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

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H.R. No. 460

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 460 was adopted by the House on March 2, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House