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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.