

By: Canales

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Veronica Estrada, of the College of Education at
2 The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, was presented an
3 inaugural McGraw Hill Distinguished Scholar Award at the Conference
4 on Academic Research in Education held in Las Vegas on January 30,
5 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, After earning a bachelor's degree in English at
7 St. Mary's University in 1988, Dr. Estrada did graduate work at The
8 Ohio State University, where she received an M.A. in English in 1990
9 and both an M.A. and a Ph.D. in education studies in 1997; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Estrada joined the Department of Curriculum and
11 Instruction of what was then The University of Texas--Pan American
12 as a lecturer in 1996, and she has steadily risen through the ranks,
13 becoming an assistant professor in 1998, associate professor in
14 2004, and full professor in 2010; she has also served the university
15 as department chair and interim associate dean for Undergraduate
16 Studies and Teacher Education, and she is currently the program
17 coordinator for the Secondary/All-Level Teacher Preparation
18 Program; and

19 WHEREAS, The McGraw Hill award was conferred on Dr. Estrada
20 in recognition of her long record of exemplary scholarship; the
21 author or coauthor of more than 25 journal articles and book
22 chapters, she has cowritten a book, *Classroom Connections to*
23 *Teaching: A Resource for Teachers of Latino Students*, and she has
24 made over 80 conference presentations; and

1 WHEREAS, For more than 20 years, this gifted teacher and
2 scholar has contributed to the advancement of her discipline and
3 the vitality of her department, and she may indeed take great pride
4 in this prestigious recognition from her academic peers; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Veronica Estrada on her
8 receipt of an inaugural McGraw Hill Distinguished Scholar Award and
9 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
10 further

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