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H.R. No. 2615

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An accomplished educator received well-deserved
2 recognition when Josey Mitchell was named the 2016-2017 Teacher of
3 the Year at Coronado High School in El Paso; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell combines her passions for education
5 and the arts through her work as the director of the Coronado High
6 Dance Department and the school's dance company; a nine-year
7 veteran of the teaching profession, she is a member of the Texas
8 Dance Educators Association and the National Dance Education
9 Organization, and she was awarded a Classroom Fund Community Impact
10 Grant from the El Paso Community Foundation in 2016; and

11 WHEREAS, A proud El Paso native, Ms. Mitchell began taking
12 ballet lessons at age four and continued to hone her craft
13 throughout her youth; after graduating from Montwood High School in
14 2001, she went on to earn her bachelor's degree in arts and dance
15 and her master's degree in education at The University of Texas at
16 El Paso, where she is currently working toward a doctoral degree in
17 teaching, learning, and culture; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell has performed with Viva! El Paso,
19 Ballet El Paso, the UTEP Ballet, the Caldo Collective, the
20 Tumbleweed Collective, and the Tom Lea Institute, and she has
21 served as both a performer and choreographer for the UTEP Dinner
22 Theatre, the El Paso Opera, and the El Paso Independent School
23 District Summer Musical; and

24 WHEREAS, Josey Mitchell exemplifies the passion,

1 determination, and innovative spirit that are the hallmarks of our
2 best teachers, and she has set a standard of excellence to which all
3 in her profession may aspire; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Josey Mitchell on her selection as
6 the 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year at Coronado High School and extend
7 to her sincere best wishes for continued success with her important
8 work; and, be it further

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