

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Candace Printz, an art teacher at El Dorado High
2 School in El Paso, has been named a 2019 Environmental Educator of
3 the Year by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Printz received this notable accolade, which
5 comes with a \$2,500 grant, in honor of her outstanding conservation
6 efforts; in 2015, she led students at El Dorado High in collecting
7 trash in the El Paso desert and using it to create works of art;
8 called the It's Your World Project, this initiative has since grown
9 to include an international traveling exhibition, an annual
10 region-wide recycled art contest, and numerous public workshops on
11 the benefits of recycling; moreover, it supplies local artists with
12 reclaimed materials to use in their own work; and

13 WHEREAS, The success of the program led Ms. Printz to design
14 courses at El Dorado High devoted to teaching environmentalism
15 through the arts and to establish a nonprofit called the Green Hope
16 Project; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Printz was previously named a finalist for the
18 H-E-B Excellence in Education Award in the Leadership Secondary
19 category, and she won a national contest sponsored by Barnes &
20 Noble; she holds a bachelor's degree in art from The University of
21 Texas at El Paso and a master's degree in art education from Texas
22 Tech University; and

23 WHEREAS, By encouraging her students and other El Paso
24 residents to preserve and protect their environment, Candace Printz

1 is helping to ensure the continued health and vitality of the Lone
2 Star State's natural resources, and she is indeed deserving of this
3 most recent award; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Candace Printz on her selection as
6 a 2019 Environmental Educator of the Year by the Texas Commission on
7 Environmental Quality and extend to her sincere best wishes for
8 continued success with her important work; and, be it further

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

González of El Paso

H.R. No. 793

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 793 was adopted by the House on March 21, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House