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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.