H.R. No. 378

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Teresa Feria of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley has received a 2020 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award from The University of Texas System Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, The Outstanding Teaching Award is one of the most prestigious honors for teaching excellence in the nation, and this year, 27 faculty members from the UT System's 14 academic and health institutions are being recognized as exceptional educators; selected through a nominating process that relies on student and peer faculty evaluations, each honoree receives a certificate, a medallion, and $25,000; Dr. Feria is one of two UTRGV faculty members to receive a 2020 award; and

WHEREAS, An associate professor in the Department of Biology, "Paty" Feria earned a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in animal biology from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis; she began teaching at UT-Pan American, UTRGV's legacy institution, in 2008, and her areas of expertise include ecology, climate change, vector-borne diseases, and invasive and endangered species; her popular courses introduce students to such important subjects as conservation biology, global change ecology, and sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, With her receipt of a Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award, Paty Feria joins an elite group of educators who have excelled at helping students broaden their intellectual horizons and prepare themselves for future success, and her efforts have contributed greatly to the academic mission of the UT System; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Teresa Feria on her receipt of a 2020 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award from The University of Texas System Board of Regents and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success with her important work; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 378 was adopted by the House on March 25, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House