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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, For more than two decades, Vista Hills Elementary School principal Judith Calderon has worked tirelessly to build a solid educational foundation for students in the El Paso community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Calderon has spent her entire career with the Ysleta Independent School District, where she began her tenure in 1999 as a middle-school science and English teacher and went on to serve as a counselor and assistant principal; in 2016, she was named principal at Vista Hills, the school she attended as a kindergartner; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of Ms. Calderon, Vista Hills is one of 26 Texas public schools to be nominated for a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School award, one of the most prestigious accolades an elementary or secondary school in the U.S. can receive; furthermore, the campus has earned recognition on the Texas Honor Roll and has been named a top five West Texas Consistent Gold Ribbon Elementary School; a dedicated advocate, Ms. Calderon has been active with groups that support minority students; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, this esteemed administrator was accepted to a doctoral program at The University of Texas at Austin; she holds bachelor's and master's degrees from The University of Texas at El Paso, and she studied abroad in Russia, researching education programs; and

WHEREAS, Vista Hills Elementary and Ysleta ISD have benefited immeasurably from Judith Calderon's leadership, professionalism, and commitment to the success and well-being of all students, and she may indeed take great pride in her many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby honor Judith Calderon for her exceptional contributions to education in the El Paso community and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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