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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Candace Printz of El Paso has greatly benefited her
2 community as an arts educator and as president of the Green Hope
3 Project; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of El Paso, Ms. Printz began her career at
5 El Dorado High School, where she taught introductory art and
6 international baccalaureate art for 14 years; in 2015, she and her
7 students came up with the idea of hosting a cleanup project and
8 turning the collected material into art pieces; called the It's
9 Your World Project, the initiative was so successful that El Dorado
10 High School allowed Ms. Printz to create classes devoted to
11 teaching environmentalism through the arts; the project won the Get
12 Going Day with Chelsea Clinton contest and grew to include an
13 international traveling exhibition and numerous public workshops
14 on the benefits of recycling; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2019, Ms. Printz expanded the idea into the
16 nonprofit, the Green Hope Project; the group partners with schools
17 to develop environmental science classes, and it also hosts
18 community cleanups and an annual recycled arts competition; and

19 WHEREAS, A leader in her field, Ms. Printz is now the
20 assistant director of fine arts for the Socorro Independent School
21 District; among her many accolades, she was named a 2019
22 Environmental Educator of the Year by the Texas Commission on
23 Environmental Quality; she was also recently honored by the
24 National Life Group with its 2020 LifeChanger of the Year award,

1 which is given to only 16 educators throughout the United States;
2 she holds a bachelor's degree in art education from The University
3 of Texas at El Paso and a master's degree from Texas Tech
4 University; and

5 WHEREAS, A dynamic teacher and a committed advocate for
6 environmental awareness through the arts, Candace Printz has done
7 much to bring progress and positive change to El Paso, and her
8 efforts have produced results of lasting benefit to countless
9 Texans; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor Candace Printz for her contributions as
12 president of the Green Hope Project and extend to her sincere best
13 wishes for continued success with her important work; and, be it
14 further

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