

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, With her receipt of a Regents' Outstanding Teaching
23 Award, Paty Feria joins an elite group of educators who have
24 excelled at helping students broaden their intellectual horizons

1 and prepare themselves for future success, and her efforts have
2 contributed greatly to the academic mission of the UT System; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Teresa Feria on her receipt of a
6 2020 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award from The University of
7 Texas System Board of Regents and extend to her sincere best wishes
8 for continued success with her important work; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 378

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.

Chief Clerk of the House