

By Representative Rayson

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution in recognition of Josue Rodriguez,
3 Broward County Teacher of the Year.

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5 WHEREAS, Josue Rodriguez, an accomplished musician who
6 wanted to share his love of music with children with special
7 needs, has been teaching music to exceptional students at
8 Bright Horizons School in Pompano Beach for the past nine
9 years, and

10 WHEREAS, from the age of ten, Mr. Rodriguez worked
11 toward becoming a successful musician, and

12 WHEREAS, through hard work and dedication he attained
13 that goal, traveling with some of the greatest Latin American
14 artists to Europe, South America, and the Caribbean, and

15 WHEREAS, after receiving a Master of Arts degree in
16 music education from Ohio State University and becoming
17 certified in music therapy at Florida State University, Mr.
18 Rodriguez focused his attention to teaching, and

19 WHEREAS, as a music teacher, Mr. Rodriguez has a
20 first-hand understanding of the power music has over people
21 and the benefits that can be derived from using music as a
22 therapeutic tool, and

23 WHEREAS, besides the academic achievement of his
24 students, Mr. Rodriguez stresses the development of character
25 and personality, teaches the value of discipline, dedication,
26 and determination, and nurtures his students' self esteem by
27 creating a healthy learning environment where everyone can
28 succeed, and

29 WHEREAS, his colleagues and principal praise him for
30 his innate ability to communicate and assess the special needs
31 of his students in order to meet their challenges, and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez inspires students and staff
2 alike with his dedication, energy, and creative approaches to
3 instruction, and

4 WHEREAS, not only is Mr. Rodriguez superior in his
5 subject area, but his classroom is a model for the Sunshine
6 State Standards, and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez exactly fits the profile of what
8 educators, parents, and policymakers believe the teacher of
9 the 21st Century must be - one who understands the changing
10 role of the classroom teacher and accepts and respects the
11 diversity of all students, and

12 WHEREAS, he is an outstanding ambassador for the
13 teaching profession and for education in the State of Florida,
14 and

15 WHEREAS, in being named Broward County Teacher of the
16 Year, Josue Rodriguez becomes Broward County's candidate for
17 Florida Teacher of the Year for 1999, NOW, THEREFORE,

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19 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
20 Florida:

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22 That the House of Representatives of the State of
23 Florida hereby recognizes and commends Josue Rodriguez,
24 Broward County Teacher of the Year.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
26 be presented to Josue Rodriguez as a tangible token of the
27 sentiments expressed herein.

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