

By Senator Soto

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the outstanding contributions  
3 of Johanna Lopez as an educator and a mentor and  
4 congratulating her on her designation as the Orange  
5 County Public Schools' "Teacher of the Year."  
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7 WHEREAS, Johanna Lopez was born in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico,  
8 where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Hispanic studies from  
9 the University of Puerto Rico and later, a Master of Arts in  
10 higher education from the Universidad Interamericana de Puerto  
11 Rico, and

12 WHEREAS, in 1998, Johanna Lopez relocated to Orlando, where  
13 she began her career at Colonial High School as a foreign  
14 language teacher, and

15 WHEREAS, Johanna Lopez went on to start and teach an  
16 Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish Literature and Culture course at  
17 Colonial High School and later served for a decade as a College  
18 Board reader, and

19 WHEREAS, Johanna Lopez was a volleyball coach for the  
20 Colonial High School junior varsity boys volleyball team before  
21 moving on to become the head coach for the varsity girls  
22 volleyball team, and

23 WHEREAS, Johanna Lopez is the current AP Spanish language  
24 professional learning community facilitator for the Orange  
25 County Public Schools and conducts seminars on strategies for AP  
26 Spanish language examination and classroom techniques, and

27 WHEREAS, Johanna Lopez has increased the number of AP  
28 Spanish language students at Colonial High School, where, for  
29 the first time in history, 12 AP Spanish language courses are  
30 offered, and

31 WHEREAS, in 2015, Johanna Lopez achieved a 100 percent  
32 passing rate in her AP Spanish Literature and Culture and AP

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33 Spanish Language and Culture courses at Colonial High School,  
34 and

35 WHEREAS, Johanna Lopez is the sponsor for the Sociedad  
36 Honoraria Hispánica, in which more than 17 nationalities are  
37 represented, and society members have contributed more than  
38 2,100 community service hours, and

39 WHEREAS, in 2015, Johanna Lopez took part in the Puerto  
40 Rican Leadership Summit at the University of Central Florida,  
41 and

42 WHEREAS, Johanna Lopez was recognized as Colonial High  
43 School's 2015-2016 "Teacher of the Year" for her hard work and  
44 dedication to the Spanish language curriculum, and

45 WHEREAS, on February 17, 2016, Johanna Lopez became the  
46 first Puerto Rican woman to be named the Orange County Public  
47 Schools' "Teacher of the Year," and

48 WHEREAS, Johanna Lopez is passionate about teaching and  
49 believes that all children can learn and thrive in a learning  
50 environment that is stimulating, comforting, and appropriate for  
51 their abilities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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53 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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55 That Johanna Lopez is recognized for her outstanding  
56 contributions as an educator and a mentor and congratulated on  
57 her designation as the Orange County Public Schools' "Teacher of  
58 the Year."