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***Senator Judith Zaffirini Bestowed Title of “Godmother of Texas Children – La Madrina” for her work on behalf of the children of Texas***

**Laredo** - The Texas Early Childhood Education Coalition (TECEC), the State Center for Early Childhood Development (SCECD) and Texas Migrant Council, Inc. (TMC), honored Senator Judith Zaffirini today for her tireless work on behalf of the children of Texas by bestowing upon her the title of “The Godmother of Texas Children – La Madrina”.

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Chair of the Senate Higher Education Subcommittee, Vice Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, and a member of the Senate's Education, Health and Human Services, and Administration Committees worked extremely hard on behalf of the needs of Texas children during the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session passing more than 70 bills that increase education access, affordability and excellence; strengthen laws that protect children; and provide much needed resources for the care of children.

Senator Zaffirini is being honored with the title of “La Madrina” for her work by these state organizations and TMC for her leadership and boldness in authoring bills that expand access to voluntary and high quality pre-kindergarten, protect the safety of infants and toddlers in child-care, and improves the recruitment, retention and quality of early childhood education professionals.

“Senator Zaffirini understands that if you invest in high quality pre-k legislation today, such as the Texas Early Education Model, you guarantee high returns to Texas communities in the future. We congratulate Senator Zaffirini for her tireless work on behalf of Texas children”, stated Mary Capello – CEO.

“Throughout her legislative career, Senator Zaffirini has worked closely with TECEC, SCECD and TMC to create positive educational opportunities for children by working on legislation that makes a difference in the lives of Texas children. Today we honor her for her dedication to the children of Texas”, stated Kara Johnson, Executive Director – TECEC.