

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The cast and crew of the Waxahachie High School
2 drama department have been nominated for nine Dallas Summer
3 Musicals awards; and

4 WHEREAS, Winners of the 2021 DSM High School Musical Theatre
5 Awards will be announced on June 11 at a virtual ceremony; a total
6 of 41 performances from 39 high schools were evaluated for the
7 annual event, which recognizes the achievements of students and
8 programs from across the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; DSM supports
9 musical theater and arts education with year-round live
10 performances and community outreach initiatives that enrich the
11 cultural landscape of the North Texas region; and

12 WHEREAS, In recognition of its outstanding production of the
13 play *Matilda The Musical* this past January, the Waxahachie theater
14 ensemble earned a wide range of DSM nominations, including Best
15 Musical, Best Orchestra, Best Ensemble, Best Scenic Design, Best
16 Music Direction, and Best Direction; the individual WHS nominees
17 are Anthony Gallo for Best Actor, Belle Winn for Best Actress, and
18 Noah Reynolds for Best Supporting Actor; and

19 WHEREAS, The Waxahachie theater program benefits from the
20 able leadership of Andy Reynolds, the inaugural recipient of the
21 DSM Outstanding Educator Award who is in his 18th year as head drama
22 director of the Waxahachie Independent School District; he has
23 directed more than 70 productions at WHS, overseeing multiple
24 district, area, and regional championship casts and state meet

1 performances; the department also receives valuable support from
2 Ryan Mullican, assistant and technical theatre arts director, and
3 from assistant director Paula Myers, who is the artistic director
4 for many shows; and

5 WHEREAS, Demonstrating exceptional talent and a commitment
6 to the arts, the members of the Waxahachie drama department have
7 earned the admiration of their fellow students and community
8 supporters, and they may indeed reflect with great pride on their
9 many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the Waxahachie High School drama
12 department on its Dallas Summer Musicals award nominations and
13 extend to all those associated with the department sincere best
14 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1154

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1154 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House