

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dona Mitchell of the Lancaster Independent School
2 District was certified as a National Dropout Prevention Specialist
3 by the National Dropout Prevention Center in January 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, The NDPS certification program offers educators and
5 individuals who work with at-risk youth the opportunity to gain
6 additional expertise in strategies that increase graduation rates;
7 participants complete a number of professional learning
8 requirements and conduct a field project that identifies techniques
9 for improving student success; and

10 WHEREAS, For more than a decade, Mrs. Mitchell has worked
11 with Lancaster ISD as the administrative assistant and truancy
12 coordinator for the Lancaster Police Department; in 2018, she
13 secured funding to provide washers and dryers to four campuses, and
14 most recently, she helped implement Talk Time with the Judge, which
15 connects at-risk students with local judges to discuss issues that
16 affect school attendance, such as homelessness, mental illness,
17 bullying, and abuse; and

18 WHEREAS, Active in her professional community, Mrs. Mitchell
19 has held a number of leadership positions with the International
20 Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention, currently serving
21 as president of the association's board of directors; in addition,
22 she established the DGM Foundation and became a National Runaway
23 Safeline representative; and

24 WHEREAS, Dona Mitchell has worked tirelessly to improve

1 educational outcomes for young Texans in Lancaster ISD, and this
2 impressive professional certification represents a new milestone
3 in her career; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Dona Mitchell on her certification
6 as a National Dropout Prevention Specialist by the National Dropout
7 Prevention Center and extend to her sincere best wishes for
8 continued success in her important work; and, be it further

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

Sherman, Sr.

H.R. No. 1666

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1666 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House