

By: Sherman, Sr.

H.R. No. 1666

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.