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S.R. No. 47

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Four campuses in Texas Senate District 21, Falls
2 City, Francisco Farias, and Roel A. & Celia R. Saenz Elementary
3 Schools, along with Hector J. Garcia Early College High School,
4 have been named National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program was created
6 by the U.S. Department of Education in 1982 to recognize campuses
7 that have demonstrated superior academic performance or made
8 notable progress in improving outcomes among economically
9 disadvantaged students; one of the most prestigious honors an
10 elementary or secondary school in the United States can receive,
11 the Blue Ribbon designation was awarded to only 353 schools in the
12 nation and only 29 schools in Texas this year; and

13 WHEREAS, Falls City Elementary, which is led by principal
14 Jessica Luna, serves approximately 255 students in the Falls City
15 Independent School District, while Saenz Elementary serves nearly
16 550 students in Roma ISD under the guidance of principal Odette
17 Garcia; part of Laredo ISD, Farias Elementary serves more than 560
18 students under the leadership of Vanessa Lynn Ortegon and Garcia
19 ECHS serves nearly 400 students and is led by Margarita Taboada;
20 Falls City Elementary, Saenz Elementary, and Garcia ECHS were
21 nominated in the Exemplary High Performing Schools category, and
22 Farias Elementary was recognized in the Exemplary Achievement Gap
23 Closing Schools category; and

24 WHEREAS, Through hard work and perseverance, the teachers and

1 students of these exceptional campuses have established a strong
2 record of scholastic achievement, and their outstanding efforts
3 have been duly recognized with the Blue Ribbon School award; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 4th
6 Called Session, hereby congratulate Falls City, Francisco Farias,
7 and Roel A. & Celia R. Saenz Elementary Schools and Hector
8 J. Garcia Early College High School on their selection as 2023
9 National Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education
10 and extend to all those involved with the schools sincere best
11 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
13 for the schools as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.