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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Ellen Cavitt has been named a recipient of  
2 a 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award by the Killeen Independent School  
3 District Alumni Association; and

4 WHEREAS, Each year, the alumni association recognizes  
5 Killeen ISD graduates who have contributed significantly to their  
6 communities or professions and who serve as inspiring role models  
7 for future generations; and

8 WHEREAS, An alumnus of Harker Heights Elementary School,  
9 Manor Junior High, and Killeen High School, Dr. Cavitt holds  
10 bachelor's and master's degrees in horn performance from The  
11 Juilliard School as well as a doctorate in music education from The  
12 University of Texas at Austin; in addition, she has completed the  
13 Harvard University Management Development Program for higher  
14 education leaders; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Cavitt began her career as a professional  
16 musician and music educator, serving on the faculties of Michigan  
17 State University, the University of Arizona, and The University of  
18 Texas at San Antonio and as an administrator of instrumental music  
19 at North East ISD in San Antonio; she went on to join the faculty of  
20 Texas State University, where she currently serves as associate  
21 vice president for academic success, dean of University College,  
22 and professor of music education; through the years, she has also  
23 benefited the university as director of graduate studies in music  
24 and as associate director of the School of Music; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Cavitt has received the Texas State University  
2 Alumni Teaching Award of Honor, Everette Swinney Faculty Senate  
3 Teaching Award, Presidential Awards of Distinction in Service and  
4 Teaching, and the College Achievement Award for Excellence in  
5 Scholarly/Creative Activity; she is an active clinician and  
6 adjudicator, and her research has been presented at regional,  
7 national, and international conferences; moreover, she has served  
8 as editor for the *Texas Music Education Research Journal* for 13  
9 years and as chair of the Instructional Strategies Research  
10 Interest Group for the National Association for Music Education,  
11 and she has compiled and edited publications on music education and  
12 music theory; and

13 WHEREAS, The accomplishments of noteworthy alumni are a  
14 source of great pride to all those associated with Killeen ISD, and  
15 Dr. Mary Cavitt is indeed deserving of this prestigious honor; now,  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Mary Ellen Cavitt on her  
19 receipt of a 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Killeen  
20 Independent School District Alumni Association and extend to her  
21 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Dr. Cavitt as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
24 House of Representatives.