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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Character.org has designated nine campuses of
2 Harmony Public Schools as 2023 State Schools of Character; and

3 WHEREAS, A national nonprofit organization based in
4 Washington, D.C., Character.org was established in 1993 with the
5 goal of inspiring, educating, and empowering students to become
6 ethical and compassionate citizens; the organization annually
7 certifies schools and school districts that demonstrate a dedicated
8 focus on achieving that goal; and

9 WHEREAS, Harmony Public Schools is a public charter school
10 system with campuses serving students in prekindergarten through
11 the 12th grade in 23 cities across Texas; its curriculum centers on
12 STEM skills, character education, project-based learning, and
13 college readiness; and

14 WHEREAS, The nine Harmony campuses recognized by
15 Character.org as 2023 State Schools of Character are Harmony School
16 of Achievement-Houston, Harmony School of Excellence-Laredo,
17 Harmony School of Exploration-Houston, Harmony School of Fine Arts
18 & Technology-Houston, Harmony School of Innovation-Dallas, Harmony
19 School of Science-El Paso, Harmony Science Academy-Dallas High,
20 Harmony Science Academy-El Paso, and Harmony Science
21 Academy-Houston; of the nearly 130,000 public and private schools
22 in the U.S., only 73 earned certification, including only 15 in
23 Texas; and

24 WHEREAS, 13 other Harmony campuses previously earned the

1 honor, which remains with schools for five years after designation;
2 among them are Harmony School of Advancement-Houston, Harmony
3 School of Excellence-Houston, Harmony School of
4 Innovation-Garland, Harmony School of Innovation-Sugar Land,
5 Harmony Science Academy-Dallas Middle, Harmony Science
6 Academy-Cedar Park, Harmony Science Academy-Pflugerville, Harmony
7 School of Innovation-Fort Worth, Harmony Science Academy-Garland,
8 Harmony School of Endeavor-Houston, Harmony School of
9 Innovation-Houston, Harmony School of Science-Houston, and Harmony
10 School of Innovation-Katy; moreover, 37 others were listed as
11 emerging character campuses or received honorable mention status;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, By creating learning environments that promote
14 positive values and personal growth, Harmony schools are providing
15 their students with important instruction that will serve them well
16 throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
18 hereby congratulate nine Harmony Public Schools campuses on
19 receiving 2023 State Schools of Character designation from
20 Character.org and extend to all those associated with the school
21 system sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Harmony Public Schools as an expression of high regard
25 by the Texas Senate.