

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An "exemplary" rating, the highest classification
2 conferred on schools by the Texas Education Agency, has been
3 awarded to Florence J. Scott Elementary School in Roma for the
4 2002-2003 school year; and

5 WHEREAS, Opened in 1957, Scott Elementary is a Title I campus
6 that provides instruction to more than 600 students in grades K-4;
7 to meet the varying needs of its children, the school offers ESL and
8 a transitional bilingual program, as well as Read Naturally and
9 LeapFrog--two highly regarded programs used nationwide to improve
10 literacy and to provide interactive, multisensory electronic
11 learning, respectively; and

12 WHEREAS, The school carefully assesses student skills and
13 acts promptly to aid children in need of additional help;
14 instructional assistants and tutorial programs play an important
15 role in supporting the school's mission, and strong parental
16 involvement constitutes another major pillar of the school's
17 success; and

18 WHEREAS, Scott Elementary is named in honor of Florence J.
19 Scott, who served as Starr County school superintendent in the
20 1920s and 1930s and as the first superintendent of the Roma
21 Independent School District, from 1950 to 1957; a dynamic woman of
22 wide-ranging talents, Mrs. Scott is remembered for her tremendous
23 contributions to education in Starr County, which included--in the
24 1930s alone--the reorganization of the county's schools, the

1 certification of all teachers, the building of two new schools, and
2 the creation of a student loan fund; instrumental in the
3 establishment of the first library in Rio Grande City, she also
4 edited the English section of a local newspaper and devoted many
5 years to researching and preserving the history of the Rio Grande
6 Valley; and

7 WHEREAS, All those who share in the work of Scott Elementary
8 are doing their utmost to nurture its students' joy in learning
9 while giving them a solid foundation for future studies, and their
10 shining achievement demonstrates the continuing capacity of our
11 public schools to provide young Texans with an exceptional
12 education; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate
15 superintendent Jesus O. Guerra, principal Norabel Salinas,
16 assistant principals Noe Muniz and Diana Salinas, counselor San
17 Juanita Guerra, and all the teachers and staff at Florence J. Scott
18 Elementary School on the "exemplary" rating accorded the school by
19 the Texas Education Agency, and that it extend to them sincere best
20 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for the administration, staff, and students of Scott
23 Elementary as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
24 Representatives.

Guillen

H.R. No. 30

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 30 was adopted by the House on
September 16, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House