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H.R. No. 263

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A delegation of parents, teachers, administrators,
2 and community leaders is visiting the State Capitol on this day from
3 the Edgewood Independent School District (ISD) in San Antonio; and

4 WHEREAS, With a history that dates to 1905, the district has
5 been an ISD since January 21, 1950, and has historically served as a
6 symbol of the challenges faced and opportunities presented by
7 public schools; sustained by heartfelt community support, deep
8 parental involvement, and a district-wide commitment to excellence
9 in education, Edgewood ISD continually demonstrates the potential
10 of public education; and

11 WHEREAS, The 70th largest school district in the state, with
12 some 13,290 students enrolled during the 2001-2002 school year, the
13 district has built a program of model schools, which includes the
14 Edgewood Fine Arts and Communications Academy, as well as three
15 campuses that are rated "exemplary" and seven campuses that are
16 rated "recognized" by the Texas Education Agency; and

17 WHEREAS, Edgewood ISD offers a full range of educational
18 services to students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through the 12th
19 grade, including dual language Spanish immersion to help students
20 master reading and writing skills in both English and Spanish; and

21 WHEREAS, Though 95 percent of the district's student
22 population is considered economically disadvantaged, members of
23 the 2002 graduating class of its two high schools, Memorial and
24 Kennedy, received \$4.5 million in academic and other scholarships,

1 and Edgewood ISD recently received a vote of confidence from the
2 residents of West San Antonio, who approved a \$44 million bond
3 package to build two new campuses and to renovate the district's
4 existing schools; and

5 WHEREAS, Like the leaders for whom Henry B. Gonzalez
6 Elementary School and John F. Kennedy High School were named,
7 students in the Edgewood ISD strive for greatness, and with the
8 support of the district's dedicated administrators and staff, they
9 are surely acquiring a strong educational foundation on which to
10 build; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor the Edgewood Independent School District
13 for its dedication to academic excellence and extend to the
14 individuals visiting on this day sincere best wishes for an
15 educational and memorable trip to Austin.