

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Allen's Norton Elementary School has been ranked by
2 the Austin-based nonprofit organization Just for the Kids as one of
3 the Dallas-Fort Worth area's outstanding elementary schools; and

4 WHEREAS, Selection criteria used to rank the schools included
5 district income level, percentage of students with limited English
6 proficiency, and student performance on the Texas Assessment of
7 Academic Skills (TAAS); and

8 WHEREAS, More than 590 public elementary schools from the
9 Dallas-Fort Worth area were compared with the top 10 Texas schools
10 with similar demographics; the schools were then ranked based on
11 their "opportunity gap," a unique measure that demonstrates how
12 well a school performs in relation to its peers; and

13 WHEREAS, Norton Elementary School ranked number 6 in the
14 "upper income" tier; the students, faculty, and staff at this
15 school have worked diligently to improve their school's performance
16 from year to year, and the results of their efforts are readily
17 apparent; and

18 WHEREAS, By recognizing and quantifying the particular
19 socioeconomic challenges faced by schools in the Dallas-Fort Worth
20 area, the Just for the Kids study highlights the progress and
21 accomplishments of schools in comparison with their true peers, and
22 area residents can take pride in these encouraging results; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the students, faculty, and staff
2 of Allen's Norton Elementary School and commend the many
3 individuals associated with this fine school for their commitment
4 to excellence in education; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Norton Elementary School as an expression of high
7 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Paxton

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 867 was adopted by the House on May 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House