

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

14           WHEREAS, Valley Creek Elementary School ranked fourth among  
15 the "upper income" tier of schools and ranked 10th overall among the  
16 nearly 600 schools in the study, establishing itself as one of the  
17 state's top elementary schools; and

18           WHEREAS, The students, faculty, and staff at this school have  
19 worked diligently to improve their school's performance from year  
20 to year, and the results of their efforts are readily apparent; and

21           WHEREAS, By recognizing and quantifying the particular  
22 socioeconomic challenges faced by schools in the Dallas-Fort Worth  
23 area, the Just for the Kids study highlights the progress and  
24 accomplishments of schools in comparison with their true peers, and

1 area residents can take pride in these encouraging results; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the students, faculty, and staff  
5 of Valley Creek Elementary School and commend the many individuals  
6 associated with this fine school for their commitment to excellence  
7 in education; and, be it further

8       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Valley Creek Elementary School as an expression of  
10 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Paxton

H.R. No. 869

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 869 was adopted by the House on May 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House