

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, McKinney's Reuben Johnson Elementary School has  
2 been ranked by the Austin-based nonprofit organization Just for the  
3 Kids 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, Reuben Johnson Elementary School ranked number 43 in  
15 the "upper income" tier; the students, faculty, and staff at this  
16 school have worked diligently to improve their school's performance  
17 from year to year, and the results of their efforts are readily  
18 apparent; and

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

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the students, faculty, and staff  
3 of McKinney's Reuben Johnson Elementary School and commend the many  
4 individuals associated with this fine school for their commitment  
5 to excellence in education; and, be it further

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

Paxton

H.R. No. 874

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 874 was adopted by the House on May 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House