

By: Jones of Bexar

H.R. No. 960

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to  
2 recognize Bill Milliken, founder and president of Communities in  
3 Schools, Incorporated, for his dedication and outstanding work in  
4 behalf of the youth of our state and nation; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Milliken is a pioneer in his field, with 40 years  
6 of experience in giving young people the help they need to graduate  
7 from high school and pursue rewarding careers; and

8           WHEREAS, Communities in Schools, Incorporated, an exemplary  
9 national dropout prevention program that Mr. Milliken founded in  
10 1977, is dedicated to enlisting community and school resources to  
11 help underserved young people succeed in school and prepare for  
12 life; the program is guided by Mr. Milliken's belief that each  
13 student deserves a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult, a  
14 safe place to learn and grow, a healthy start, a chance to give back  
15 to the community, and a marketable skill to use on graduation; and

16           WHEREAS, Texas youth face a multitude of challenges that  
17 influence whether or not they succeed in school; Communities in  
18 Schools of Texas addresses these concerns by providing students  
19 with the opportunity to focus on learning and by promoting their  
20 development into productive citizens of our state; and

21           WHEREAS, For his commitment to our youth, Mr. Milliken has  
22 received the Champion for Children award from the American  
23 Association of School Administrators and the Edward A. Smith Award  
24 for Excellence for his extraordinary leadership; and

1           WHEREAS, Dropout prevention is not just a school problem, it  
2 is a community challenge; through his endeavors to guarantee that  
3 all young Texans receive a sound education, Mr. Milliken helps to  
4 ensure that the Lone Star State has a competent workforce and a  
5 stable and competitive economy; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby commend Bill Milliken for his excellent  
8 leadership and outstanding accomplishments as president of  
9 Communities in Schools, Incorporated, and extend to him best wishes  
10 for continued success; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Mr. Milliken as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.