

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The High School for Health Professions in Mercedes
2 was one of only four schools in Texas to receive a 2001-2002 Title I
3 Distinguished School Award from the U.S. Department of Education;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, To qualify for this prestigious honor, a school must
6 have more than 50 percent of its student population recognized as
7 low-income, have an "exemplary" accountability rating from the
8 state, and have an exemption rate on the Texas Assessment of
9 Academic Skills (TAAS) test that is below the state average for
10 special education and non-English-speaking students; other
11 important benchmarks include students' daily performance, TAAS
12 exam results, and the quality of the school's student-support
13 staff; and

14 WHEREAS, The High School for Health Professions is a magnet
15 school; it requires students to follow state-mandated curriculum
16 and graduation requirements as well as to take additional math and
17 science courses in the field of health; this rigorous course plan
18 has produced outstanding results, demonstrated in the students'
19 99-percent passing rate for the spring 2001 TAAS test; and

20 WHEREAS, With such an exemplary track record for educating
21 the young people of the Rio Grande Valley, the High School for
22 Health Professions is a paragon in the field of public education and
23 is a source of pride to the citizens of South Texas and the Lone Star
24 State; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate the faculty, staff, and students of
3 the High School for Health Professions in Mercedes for being named a
4 National Title I Distinguished School by the U.S. Department of
5 Education; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for prominent display at the High School for Health
8 Professions as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
9 Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1025

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1025 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House