

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 223

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the staff and adviser of El Paso's Irvin High School student newspaper for receiving national honors; and

WHEREAS, The newspaper, the *Observer*, earned an All-American Rating from the National Scholastic Press Association last fall; the newspaper earned 3,549 points out of 4,000 and four marks of distinction for coverage and content, photography and graphics, layout and design, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, The Irvin High School student newspaper also placed second and received more than 30 individual awards from the Southwest Press Association regional competition, which included schools from New Mexico and West Texas; and

WHEREAS, The students publish five issues each semester, and the newspaper has shown continued improvement in recent years; in 2000-2001, it earned 3,450 points out of 4,000 and four marks of distinction from the National Scholastic Press Association, and in each of the two previous years, it earned one mark of distinction; and

WHEREAS, The exemplary students on the *Observer* staff deserve recognition for their hard work and their dedication to their school, the school's newspaper, and the field of journalism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the staff and adviser of Irvin High School's *Observer* for their many accomplishments and extend best wishes to them for continued success in their endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of the esteem of the Texas Senate.

Shapleigh

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 24, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate