

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 281

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mae Smythe Elementary School of the Pasadena Independent School District on earning the designation of "Year-Round School of Merit"; and

WHEREAS, The school received this prestigious award for its commitment to improving the education of students through a balanced and extended calendar year of classes and through the use of innovative means to enhance student achievement; nearly one half of the 700 students at the school participate in the year-round program; and

WHEREAS, Mae Smythe Elementary School is one of only five year-round schools in the nation to earn the title of "Year-Round School of Merit" for 2002-2003; the school was also named one of the top 40 schools in the state by the Texas Business and Education Coalition; and

WHEREAS, Parents, staff, and community members are involved in a team effort to enhance student achievement at the school; to inspire and motivate its students, the school offers accelerated classes in reading and mathematics, leadership training in peer mediation, and enrichment classes, such as cooking, quilting, and arts and crafts; and

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of principal Emily Maddox and the school's dedicated teachers, fourth and fifth graders at the school achieved the third-highest scores in the state in the reading portion of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills evaluation for the 2002-2003 school year; and

WHEREAS, Mae Smythe Elementary School exemplifies the highest ideals of a well-grounded and sound approach to preparing the young people of Texas for the future, and it truly deserves recognition for its selection as a "Year-Round School of Merit"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend and congratulate the school for this outstanding accomplishment; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mae Smythe Elementary School as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 3, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate