

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 335

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Fifth Ward Enrichment Program, which has been honored by the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County for its contributions to the Houston region; and

WHEREAS, The program was founded nearly 20 years ago by Rudy Wagner and Earnest McMillan to combat high rates of crime, illiteracy, teenage pregnancy, school dropouts, and drug use in the community; and

WHEREAS, Housed in the Fifth Ward Multi-Service Center, the program serves approximately 250 African-American and Hispanic boys between the ages of 10 and 17; the program provides the community with parent and child support services, academic tutorial services, peer leadership development and recreational activities, and a number of other community support services; and

WHEREAS, For almost two decades, the Fifth Ward Enrichment Program has provided a safe and nurturing environment that supports children's personal growth and development; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend this valuable program for providing positive and life-changing experiences for many young Texans; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the program staff and participants as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 10, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate