

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 440**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the J. M. Hanks High School of the Ysleta Independent School District in El Paso for its outstanding educational reputation; and

**WHEREAS**, The school was named for the late Jesse Mack Hanks, the first superintendent of the Ysleta Independent School District and one of the state's foremost educational innovators; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, under the leadership of Principal Carol Allen, a dedicated team of nearly 150 teachers instruct over 2,400 Hanks High School students and work with them in a host of extracurricular activities; and

**WHEREAS**, The students have been named Academic Team District Champions on six different occasions by the University Interscholastic League, and the school has been named a Recognized School by the Texas Education Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, Hanks High School students have been officers in the Texas Association of Student Council's District IX; they have also been recognized as award-winning journalists, as champion athletes, and as exceptional band and choir participants; and

**WHEREAS**, Student leaders have organized projects that have involved thousands of hours in community service to local residents; the members of the staff of *Scriptoria* have won the state student newspaper championship title seven years in a row; student athletes have won numerous district, regional, and state honors in golf, basketball, cheerleading, wrestling, softball, swimming, track, and gymnastics; moreover, student musicians and

actors have achieved regional and state recognition for their exceptional work; and

**WHEREAS**, The school takes pride in its history of producing graduates who become successful in their professions and leaders in their communities; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend J. M. Hanks High School on its high educational standards and its exceptional success and extend best wishes for the future to all associated with the school; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the students, administration, and staff of the 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 25, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate