

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 665

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Bill Milliken, the founder and president of Communities in Schools, Incorporated, for his dedication and outstanding work on behalf of the youth of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Bill Milliken is a leading pioneer in his field, with 40 years of experience in giving young people the help they need to graduate from high school and pursue rewarding careers; and

WHEREAS, Communities in Schools, Incorporated, an exemplary national dropout prevention program which Bill founded in 1977, is dedicated to enlisting community and school resources to help underserved young people succeed in school and prepare for life; the program is guided by Mr. Milliken's belief that each student deserves a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult, a safe place to learn and grow, a healthy start, a chance to give back to the community, and a marketable skill to use upon graduation; and

WHEREAS, Texas youth face a multitude of challenges that influence whether or not they succeed in school; Communities in Schools of Texas addresses these concerns by providing students with the opportunity to focus on learning and by promoting their development into productive citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, For his commitment to our youth, Bill Milliken has received the Champion for Children award from the American

Association of School Administrators and the Edward A. Smith Award for Excellence for his extraordinary leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dropout prevention is not just a school problem; it is a community challenge; through his endeavors to guarantee that all young Texans receive a sound education, Bill Milliken helps to ensure that the Lone Star State has a competent workforce and a stable and competitive economy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Bill Milliken for his excellent leadership and outstanding accomplishments as president of Communities in Schools, Incorporated, and extend best wishes to him for continued success; and, be it further

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

Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 30, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate