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H.R. No. 334

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Ysleta Independent School District in El Paso  
2 was awarded a 2005 Project CHANGE Jacob K. Javits Gifted and  
3 Talented Grant from the United States Department of Education and  
4 will celebrate the accomplishment with a special ceremony on May  
5 23, 2006; and

6           WHEREAS, This much-sought-after national grant is one of only  
7 14 awarded for the year and is intended to promote projects and  
8 educational strategies to meet the needs of gifted and talented  
9 students, particularly those who are economically disadvantaged  
10 and have limited proficiency in English; and

11           WHEREAS, The only school district in Texas to receive a  
12 Project CHANGE grant, Ysleta is poised to make important advances  
13 in the way that gifted and talented students are educated; among a  
14 number of other critical goals, the school district plans to use its  
15 project funds to identify and assist a greater number of students  
16 who have limited aptitude in English and will also implement  
17 instructional programs that promote critical thinking; and

18           WHEREAS, The methods of the Ysleta administrators are built  
19 upon the idea that the entire community needs to be involved in  
20 mentoring those students who have special abilities; toward this  
21 end, their programs will call on members of professional  
22 organizations in addition to academic experts and parents; and

23           WHEREAS, The future of our state and nation is in the hands of  
24 impassioned educators like those from Ysleta ISD who recognize the

1 power of education and high standards, and programs developed from  
2 this Project CHANGE grant will contribute immeasurably to the  
3 achievements of El Paso students and will undoubtedly provide a  
4 model that will deserve replication in schools across the country;  
5 now, therefore, be it

6         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate the Ysleta  
8 Independent School District for receiving a 2005 Project CHANGE  
9 Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Grant and extend sincere best  
10 wishes to all involved for continued success; and, be it further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for the school district as an expression of high regard by  
13 the Texas House of Representatives.