

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Communities In Schools State Office in recognizing the recipients of the 2006 Best of Texas CIS Awards; and

WHEREAS, Communities In Schools is a nationwide network with 26 area programs in Texas that focus on decreasing the student dropout rate by providing school-based quality social services and links to community resources; and

WHEREAS, The Best of Texas CIS Award recipients are those individuals who have made exceptional contributions to students, families, the community at large, and the Communities In Schools program; they are selected for the award by representatives of a number of state social service and education agencies from nominations made by local programs; and

WHEREAS, A new award will be given this year to honor Paul Lane, who passed away on March 25, 2005; he devoted more than 40 years of service to public education, including 14 years to the Communities In Schools program; the award will be called the Paul Lane Award of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Award winners and their Communities In Schools programs are Sue McCarthy, of El Paso, Board Member of the Year; Veronica Trevino, of Corpus Christi, Executive Director of the Year; David Woodberry, of Bell-Coryell, Staff Member of the Year; Stacie Zercher, of South Central Texas, Volunteer of the Year; Jesus Mireles, of Cameron County, Student of the Year; and Thelma Rodriguez, of El Paso, Parent of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Other recipients are Dr. Steven Ebell, of Golden Crescent, Superintendent of the Year; Gloria I. Polanco-McNealy, of El Paso, Principal of the Year; Isabel Rivas, of El Paso, Teacher of the Year; and Bank of America, of San Antonio, Business of the Year; and

WHEREAS, These dedicated citizens have helped many young Texans stay in school, prepare for successful lives, and contribute to their communities, and they are indeed worthy of legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend all those involved with the Communities In Schools programs of Texas for their exceptional work and extend congratulations to the worthy recipients of the 2006 Best of Texas CIS Awards; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the award recipients as an expression of high regard 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 April 27, 2006.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate