

By: Hodge

H.R. No. 503

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Bayles Elementary School in Dallas has worked  
2 hand-in-hand with the Claremont neighborhood and the Ferguson Road  
3 Initiative (FRI) toward fulfilling their shared goal of  
4 transforming the Ferguson Road corridor into a safe, beautiful,  
5 prosperous, and proud community; and

6           WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of principal Maria F.  
7 Tafur and with the help of concerned faculty, staff, parents, and  
8 students, Bayles Elementary has played a significant role in the  
9 renovation of the Ferguson Road area; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1998, the school was highly instrumental in  
11 acquiring \$3.7 million in bonds to improve Highland Road, which  
12 serves as a major thoroughfare for children on their way to and from  
13 school; since 1999, the school's annual health and safety fair,  
14 Bayles Fest, has offered children and families invaluable services  
15 and education aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles free of drug  
16 and alcohol abuse; and

17           WHEREAS, This designated FRI Safe Haven additionally offers  
18 an after-school program that has provided mentoring and tutoring  
19 opportunities for at-risk youth and has greatly contributed to  
20 improved academic performances; and

21           WHEREAS, Demonstrating the power of collaboration between  
22 educational institutions and communities, Bayles Elementary not  
23 only serves as a source of tremendous pride for area residents but  
24 also as a fine example for schools across the Lone Star State; now,

1 therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby commend all those associated with Bayles  
4 Elementary School for their outstanding work toward bettering their  
5 community and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued  
6 success; and, be it further

7           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
9 House of Representatives.