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H.R. No. 811

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Ysleta Independent School District in El Paso
2 has demonstrated great dedication to the Texas schoolchildren it
3 serves as well as to the community at large, and its recent
4 achievements are indicative of that profound commitment; and

5 WHEREAS, Named for a Pueblo Indian tribe that migrated to the
6 El Paso area in the 17th century, YISD began in the 1930s as a rural
7 education district with one high school and a handful of middle and
8 elementary schools; today, the district encompasses 58 campuses and
9 oversees the education of nearly 50,000 students; the third largest
10 employer in the city, YISD relies on 6,000 administrators,
11 teachers, and staff members to carry out its responsibilities; in
12 addition, district schools benefited from an estimated 400,000
13 hours of volunteer work last year; and

14 WHEREAS, A few short decades ago, the district operated at
15 state minimum achievement levels, but the 1990s witnessed a major
16 transformation; YISD capped several years of hard work in 1998 when
17 it became the first urban school district in the state to be named a
18 Recognized District for student performance on the Texas Assessment
19 of Academic Skills test; the district has continued to build on its
20 academic achievements, receiving nationwide recognition with eight
21 National Title I Distinguished Campuses and nine National Blue
22 Ribbon Schools; moreover, a district record was broken last year
23 when approximately \$16 million in scholarships was awarded to 2004
24 high school graduates by universities; and

1 WHEREAS, A recognized leader in educational innovation, YISD
2 oversees six magnet schools, two nationally recognized alternative
3 education campuses, and a number of successful outreach programs,
4 such as the Reading Recovery program, which strengthens the reading
5 curriculum, and the Plato Academy, which provides dropout recovery
6 services; moreover, Technology Domes offer state-of-the-art
7 instruction for students and teachers through computers and the
8 Internet, and a \$5 million program has been initiated to provide
9 each teacher in the district with a laptop computer; and

10 WHEREAS, The Ysleta Independent School District has taken as
11 its goal that all its students graduate from high school, be fluent
12 in two or more languages, be prepared and inspired to continue their
13 education in a four-year college, university, or other institution
14 of higher education, and ultimately go on to become successful and
15 productive citizens in their community; under the able leadership
16 of superintendent Hector Montenegro, the district strives to meet
17 its admirable goal by treating its students as individuals with the
18 innate ability to learn and by providing its teachers and support
19 staff the guidance, support, and encouragement they need to
20 succeed; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
22 Legislature hereby commend the students, administrators, faculty,
23 and staff of the Ysleta Independent School District for their
24 outstanding record of achievement and extend to them sincere best
25 wishes for continued success with their important work; and, be it
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for the district as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.