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H.R. No. 967

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gabriel Fain of Little Elm has received the 2004
2 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award from the Texas Council
3 for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities
4 for his exceptional contributions to teaching, curriculum
5 development, and extracurricular programs; and

6 WHEREAS, A member of the faculty of Clark High School in Plano
7 since 1997, Mr. Fain is chair of the social studies department and
8 teaches gifted and talented humanities courses for 9th and 10th
9 graders, AP world history, and additional English and history
10 classes; he received his bachelor's degree in historical studies
11 from The University of Texas at Dallas and his graduate
12 certification in gifted education from the University of North
13 Texas; he is currently completing his master's degree in modern
14 European history; and

15 WHEREAS, No stranger to awards, this esteemed educator was
16 elected Clark Teacher of the Year in 2002-2003 and was selected to
17 participate in a Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Study in Japan in
18 2002; in addition to serving on several school and district
19 committees, he is a national AP world history reader and an AP
20 consultant; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Fain's teaching philosophy emphasizes balance
22 and the recognition that not all students learn or progress at the
23 same rate; he shuns focusing on broad goals and favors each
24 student's specific needs; above all, he strives to instill in his

1 students a deep commitment to learning and encourages them to take
2 risks and be creative; his fortunate students repeatedly cite his
3 ability to foster their interest in different areas of the
4 humanities and to make history and art both relevant and exciting;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, A true role model for young people, Gabe Fain has
7 distinguished himself as a dedicated, exemplary teacher; in a short
8 period of time, he has become a much-treasured member of the faculty
9 of Clark High School, and he is admired by students and teachers
10 alike, who marvel at his ability to motivate teenagers to open their
11 minds and embrace differences; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Gabe Fain on his receipt of the
14 2004 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award and commend him
15 for his excellent educational accomplishments and his commitment to
16 his students; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. Fain as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.