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H.R. No. 1289

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Houston's Mark Twain, Oran Roberts, and River Oaks
2 Elementary Schools have been named International Baccalaureate
3 Elementary Schools, three of the first schools to earn this
4 prestigious accolade in the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, This designation places these three Houston ISD
6 campuses among an exceptional group of 1,468 schools worldwide and
7 establishes that the institutions are committed to the exemplary
8 academic performance and overall success of their students; and

9 WHEREAS, The designation is conferred by the International
10 Baccalaureate Organization, a nonprofit foundation headquartered
11 in Geneva, Switzerland, that works to develop inquiring,
12 knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better
13 and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and
14 respect; and

15 WHEREAS, The organization's primary school program for
16 students ages 3 to 12 focuses on the development of the whole child,
17 in the classroom and in the world outside; the curriculum is
18 structured to help young people not only in academics, but also in
19 social, physical, emotional, and cultural areas; and

20 WHEREAS, Mark Twain Principal Joyce Dauber cites a diverse
21 student body representing 50 nations, a Spanish dual language
22 immersion program, and high expectations from parents for their
23 children as factors that contributed to her campus's inclusion in
24 the select category; and

1 WHEREAS, Oran Roberts Principal Sam Sarabia attributes his
2 campus's selection for the honor in part to the long hours, hard
3 work, and creativity of his teaching staff and the focus on
4 preparing students to be competitive on a global scale as they
5 progress in their education, careers, and professions; and

6 WHEREAS, River Oaks Principal Kelly McBride credits the
7 ongoing dedication of her staff combined with vital parental
8 support as major factors in the school's attainment of the
9 exceptional award, as the program has been put in place over the
10 course of the past two years; and

11 WHEREAS, The students, faculty, and parents at Mark Twain,
12 Oran Roberts, and River Oaks Elementary Schools have performed
13 admirably in their quest for educational excellence, and their
14 superlative achievement reflects great honor on their schools and
15 the Houston ISD as well; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate all those affiliated with Mark
18 Twain, Oran Roberts, and River Oaks Elementary Schools on their
19 schools' selection as International Baccalaureate Elementary
20 Schools; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for each school as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.