

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Houston's Sydney Lanier Middle School and M. B.
2 Lamar High School have been named International Baccalaureate
3 Schools; and

4 WHEREAS, This designation places these Houston ISD campuses
5 among an exceptional group of 1,485 schools worldwide and
6 establishes that the institutions are committed to the exemplary
7 academic performance and overall success of their students; and

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

14 WHEREAS, The organization's Middle Years Programme aims to
15 provide students ages 11 to 16 with discipline, skills, and
16 challenging standards, but also with creativity and flexibility,
17 and stresses development of a personal values system by which young
18 people may guide their own lives as thoughtful members of local
19 communities and the larger world; and

20 WHEREAS, For students in their final two years of high
21 school, the Diploma Programme emphasizes critical thinking,
22 intercultural understanding, and exposure to a variety of points of
23 view; it has a reputation for rigorous assessment and giving
24 graduates access to the world's leading universities; and

1 WHEREAS, With the able guidance of Central District
2 superintendent Ray Reiner, the students and faculty at Sydney
3 Lanier Middle School and M. B. Lamar High School have performed
4 admirably in their quest for educational excellence, and their
5 superlative achievement truly merits special recognition; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate the students, teachers, and
9 administrators at Sydney Lanier Middle School and M. B. Lamar High
10 School, whose outstanding efforts contributed to their schools'
11 selection as International Baccalaureate Schools; and, be it
12 further

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

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H.R. No. 1344

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1344 was adopted by the House on April 26, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House