SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 458

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pride in recognizing and welcoming to the Capitol the students of the Corpus Christi Independent School District's Athena Program at Baker Middle School; and

WHEREAS, The Athena Program for gifted and talented students offers a rigorous curriculum in such courses as chemistry and integrated physics; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary program provides a well-rounded course of study, offering fine arts and journalism courses in addition to core academic classes; students from this program have performed at Carnegie Hall, won the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest, and won numerous University Interscholastic League awards; and

WHEREAS, Athena Program students are active in their community and take part in such varied activities as the Corpus Christi Ballet, National Junior Honor Society, and the Corpus Christi Youth Symphony; and

WHEREAS, The gifted and talented students of our state will be society's leaders in the years to come; they are a valuable resource, and programs like the Athena Program are an important part of their educational experience; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the extraordinary students of Corpus Christi Independent School District's Athena Program and extend to them best wishes for the future; and, be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for

them as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 2005. Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate