

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 645

WHEREAS, The L. V. Berkner High School Concert Band of Richardson has received a 2004 Sudler Flag of Honor presented by the John Philip Sousa Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Named for and sponsored by longtime supporters and patrons of the arts, Louis Sudler, Sr., and his wife, Virginia Brown Sudler, this international award is given to high school band programs that have demonstrated particularly high standards of excellence in concert activities over a period of several years; and

WHEREAS, The concert band program at L. V. Berkner High School entered into select company when it became one of three high schools in the country to be accorded this prestigious distinction in 2004; moreover, only 54 bands in the United States and Canada have earned the Sudler Flag of Honor since its inception 24 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of conductor Michael Brashear, the concert band has won many awards, including selection as "Best in Class" at numerous festivals, selection as a finalist in Texas Music Educators State Honor Band competitions, 33 consecutive 1st Division ratings in the University Interscholastic League annual contests, and selection as a finalist in the Texas State Marching Contest; and

WHEREAS, The gifted young musicians of the L. V. Berkner High School Concert Band have enriched the lives of countless individuals with their outstanding skills and earned the lasting respect and admiration of all who have been privileged to witness their talent; it is most appropriate to honor them at this time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Michael Brashear and the members of the L. V. Berkner High School Concert Band on their receipt of the 2004 Sudler Flag of Honor from the John Philip Sousa Foundation and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued good fortune in all their endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the L. V. Berkner High School Concert Band as an expression of high regard 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 April 19, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate