

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 647

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Austin Independent School District's McCallum Fine Arts Academy, which has been named a 2005 GRAMMY Signature School; and

WHEREAS, The GRAMMY Signature School award recognizes exceptional public high school music programs across the country, and McCallum Fine Arts Academy is one of only 33 schools nationwide to be designated a GRAMMY Signature School; it will receive \$7,000 in grant funds that will be used to fund a music lab to teach class piano and advanced placement music theory; and

WHEREAS, To compete for the award, the McCallum Fine Arts Academy music faculty submitted a compact disc, produced in the school's own recording studio, of the classical guitar and steel drum ensembles, the jazz band, piano recitals, the school's award-winning varsity choir, the honors wind ensemble, and the chamber orchestra; and

WHEREAS, There are currently 88 students enrolled in theory and piano classes at the academy and more than 200 music majors who will be taking these courses to meet their academy music requirements; a music lab will enable the students to benefit from music theory texts and their supporting software by using aural learning skills; and

WHEREAS, The students, faculty, and administrators of the McCallum Fine Arts Academy have demonstrated their dedication and commitment to excellence, and they can be justifiably proud of their latest achievement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby congratulate all associated with the McCallum Fine Arts Academy on its designation as a GRAMMY Signature School; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Barrientos

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