

By: Patrick

H.R. No. 283

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The State Board of Education bears the vital
2 responsibility of overseeing the public school system of Texas, one
3 of the largest systems of its kind in the country; and

4 WHEREAS, Led by the commissioner of education, the board is
5 composed of 15 members who are elected on a district basis to a
6 four-year term of office; together with the commissioner and the
7 Texas Education Agency, which administers the board's rules and
8 policies, the board facilitates the operation of 1,227 school
9 districts and charter schools; this system encompasses more than
10 7,700 campuses, over 500,000 educators and other employees, and
11 more than 4 million students; and

12 WHEREAS, Although policy decisions are made by the full
13 board, much of the detailed preliminary work is done by three
14 standing committees--those concerned with instruction, planning,
15 and finance; meeting at least quarterly, the collective board
16 establishes goals and adopts and promotes successive four-year
17 plans to meet its objectives; and

18 WHEREAS, Committed to providing the best possible education
19 for Texas public school students, the board determines what
20 knowledge and skills should be taught as part of a well-balanced
21 curriculum, establishes passing scores for the state-mandated
22 assessment program, approves the creation of charter schools, and
23 oversees the investment of the Permanent School Fund; it also
24 adopts regulations and standards for the operation of adult

1 education programs provided by public school districts, junior
2 colleges, and universities; and

3 WHEREAS, Members of the State Board of Education bring to
4 their endeavors a deep dedication to the advancement of public
5 education, and through their vision and leadership they are
6 contributing immeasurably to the future well-being of Texas youth
7 and to the continued greatness and prosperity of the Lone Star
8 State; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor the members of the State Board of
11 Education for their outstanding public service and for their
12 commitment to provide a quality, challenging education for public
13 school students throughout the state; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the members of the State Board of Education as an
16 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.