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H.R. No. 398

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is proud to honor
2 the Dallas Association for Bilingual Education (DABE) on its
3 outstanding record of service to the people of this state in
4 enhancing the quality of education provided for the children of the
5 community and ensuring the equality of educational opportunity
6 available to all segments of the community's diverse population;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Recognizing the special educational needs of
9 schoolchildren with limited English-speaking ability and committed
10 to addressing those needs, concerned members of the Dallas
11 education community founded this organization to promote
12 bilingual, multicultural programs of instruction in the Dallas
13 Independent School District and other school districts in the North
14 Texas Metroplex area; and

15 WHEREAS, Underlying the programs and methods advocated by the
16 association is the fundamental premise that equality of educational
17 opportunity can be achieved through bilingual education without
18 sacrificing the equally important goal of academic excellence; and

19 WHEREAS, By promoting bilingual education and multicultural
20 programs for every student, the association hopes not only to
21 provide a quality education for students with limited English
22 proficiency but also to instill in all schoolchildren an
23 appreciation of the contributions made by every group in an
24 ethnically and culturally diverse society; and

1 WHEREAS, Since 1986, DABE has been affiliated with the Texas
2 Association for Bilingual Education and has been active in
3 statewide efforts to address relevant issues at the state and
4 national level as well as at the local level; since joining forces
5 with the state organization, the Dallas association has greatly
6 expanded its reach, increasing its ability to serve as an
7 educational resource, to provide training for teachers operating in
8 a bilingual classroom environment, and to take a multifaceted,
9 comprehensive approach in furthering its objectives; and

10 WHEREAS, Appreciative of its valuable service to the state
11 over the years, this legislative body wishes to take advantage of
12 the 2008 installation of DABE officers to bestow on the association
13 the praise and recognition it so richly deserves; now, therefore,
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor the Dallas Association for Bilingual
17 Education in 2008 on its outstanding record of service to the
18 community and its noteworthy dedication to its goal of improving
19 the quality of education provided to all the people of this state;
20 and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for the association as an expression of high esteem by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.