

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Students in today's world are presented with many  
2   distractions from their education; exposed to images and music from  
3   the popular media that sometimes suggest questionable values,  
4   children need guidance in making good choices, and parents often  
5   benefit from practical suggestions to create a supportive home  
6   environment; and

7           WHEREAS, "Partners in Learning: Schools and Families Build  
8   the Future" was designed to strengthen and enhance the  
9   collaboration between schools and families in a student's  
10   education, and it was introduced as a 2006-2007 pilot program at  
11   Jacinto City Elementary School in the Galena Park Independent  
12   School District; the program is based on the premise that school and  
13   home are not separate parts of a student's life, but that they may  
14   be coordinated to reinforce each other; just as parent  
15   participation improves a child's educational achievement, a good  
16   education from kindergarten through high school provides students  
17   with the foundation for a better life for themselves and their  
18   families; and

19           WHEREAS, Created by Dee Owens, a Harris County businesswoman  
20   and community activist, the program benefited from the input of  
21   project coauthor Dr. Karen Hattaway, a professor of English at San  
22   Jacinto College North, from the participation of other leaders from  
23   the government, business, and education sectors in Harris County,  
24   and from a grant by the Lyondell Corporation; and

1           WHEREAS, Ms. Owens has created for parents a Partners in  
2 Learning notebook, which provides information enabling them to  
3 contribute to their children's education; the notebook includes a  
4 calendar of topics that the child will be studying and information  
5 on the child's anticipated development over the course of the  
6 school year, as well as lists of safe Internet sites, medical  
7 facilities in the area, and family activities in Houston; and

8           WHEREAS, Dee Owens and her collaborators have been  
9 instrumental in creating an admirable and useful program that will  
10 enable families to participate in the schooling of their children,  
11 and this worthy project is helping to improve educational  
12 opportunities in the Houston community; now, therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby commend the 2006-2007 "Partners in Learning:  
15 Schools and Families Build the Future" pilot program at Jacinto  
16 City Elementary School and extend to Dee Owens and the project's  
17 other organizers best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
18 further

19           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Ms. Owens and Jacinto City Elementary School as an  
21 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1496

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1496 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House