

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to  
2 join the Communities In Schools State Advisory Committee and the  
3 Texas Education Agency in recognizing the recipients of the 2007  
4 Best of Texas awards; and

5           WHEREAS, Communities In Schools is a nationwide dropout  
6 prevention network with 27 area programs in Texas; it helps  
7 students to improve in academics, attendance, or behavior,  
8 encouraging more students to stay in school, graduate, and pursue  
9 postsecondary education goals; and

10           WHEREAS, The Best of Texas award recipients are recognized  
11 for their outstanding commitment to the CIS program, students,  
12 families, and schools; they are those who exemplify the spirit of  
13 the program, as well as those who dedicate themselves beyond  
14 expectations; and

15           WHEREAS, Award winners and their Communities In Schools  
16 programs are Kris Downing, of Central Texas, Paul Lane Award of  
17 Excellence; Karl Schmalz, of the Dallas region, Board Member of the  
18 Year; Mike Steele, of Tarrant County, Executive Director of the  
19 Year; Julie Lyon, of Northeast Texas, Staff Member of the Year;  
20 Kenny Thompson, DDS, of Northeast Texas, Volunteer of the Year;  
21 Tashia Dawn Rusnak, of South Central Texas, Student of the Year; and  
22 Dorothy Harris, of McLennan County Youth Collaboration, Parent of  
23 the Year; and

24           WHEREAS, Other recipients are Paul Vranish, Tornillo

1 Independent School District, of El Paso, Superintendent of the  
2 Year; Jessica Hicks, Waco Independent School District, of McLennan  
3 County Youth Collaboration, Principal of the Year; Nance Lee  
4 Talbett, Copperas Cove Independent School District, of  
5 Bell-Coryell Counties, Teacher of the Year; and Bank of America, of  
6 Tarrant County, Business of the Year; and

7 WHEREAS, These dedicated citizens have helped many young  
8 Texans to stay in school, prepare for successful lives, and  
9 contribute to their communities, and they truly merit special  
10 recognition; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the recipients of the 2007  
13 Communities In Schools Best of Texas Awards and commend all those  
14 involved with the Communities In Schools programs of Texas for  
15 their exceptional work; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for the award recipients as an expression of high regard by  
18 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1578

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1578 was adopted by the House on April 19, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House