

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mary Alice Deike, the principal of W. Charles Akins
2 High School in Austin, has been named a finalist in the Lifetime
3 Achievement category of the 2007 H-E-B Excellence in Education
4 Awards; and

5 WHEREAS, Created in cooperation with the Texas Association of
6 School Administrators, the H-E-B awards program recognizes the
7 contributions of outstanding teachers and administrators in public
8 schools throughout the state, and the Lifetime Achievement awards
9 honor educators and administrators with more than 20 years of
10 experience; and

11 WHEREAS, Over 7,000 nominations were received for this year's
12 awards program; with her selection as a finalist in the secondary
13 school principal category, Ms. Deike earned a \$1,000 prize as well
14 as a \$2,500 grant for her school; a Region XIII Principal of the
15 Year, Ms. Deike previously served as principal of Fredericksburg
16 High School and earned her bachelor's degree and her master's degree
17 in education from Southwest Texas State University; since her
18 arrival at Akins High School in 2002, she has led the redesign of
19 the school's curriculum to include academies where students can
20 choose career-oriented classes; and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout her years of service as an administrator,
22 Mary Alice Deike has inspired countless individuals with her
23 passion for education, and she has demonstrated an exceptional
24 ability to motivate, mentor, and provide leadership to her school,

1 faculty, and students; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Mary Alice Deike on her selection
4 as a finalist for a 2007 H-E-B Excellence in Education Lifetime
5 Achievement Award and extend to her best wishes for the future; and,
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Ms. Deike as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.

Bolton

H.R. No. 1710

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1710 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House