

By: Bolton

H.R. No. 1710

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.