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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, After five years of hard work by administrators and  
2 faculty of Martin Middle School in Austin, the campus has attained  
3 the status of IB World School and is authorized to offer the  
4 prestigious International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme  
5 beginning in the 2007-2008 school year; and

6           WHEREAS, Developed by the International Baccalaureate  
7 Organization, the program emphasizes critical thinking, holistic  
8 learning, intercultural awareness, and social development through  
9 a unique curriculum based on five "areas of interaction":  
10 approaches to learning, community service, health and social  
11 education, environment, and *homo faber*, which explores questions of  
12 human creativity; students must complete a minimum of 10 hours of  
13 community service and, in their final year, a personal project that  
14 represents a culmination of their learning; through it all, they  
15 are guided by IB teachers, who receive specialized training and  
16 participate in ongoing professional development; and

17           WHEREAS, Martin Middle School is only the second campus in  
18 Central Texas to offer the IB Middle Years Programme, which  
19 continues at participating high schools as the IB Diploma  
20 Programme; under the direction of Principal Raffy Garza-Vizcaino,  
21 the school implemented the trial program a number of years ago and  
22 some 150 students are expected to receive the IB certificate in  
23 2008; and

24           WHEREAS, The dedicated leaders of Martin Middle School have

1 achieved a noteworthy goal in behalf of the school's current and  
2 future students, and they may take justifiable pride in their  
3 sustained and steadfast efforts; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Martin Middle School on being  
6 authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate Middle Years  
7 Programme and commend its administrators and faculty on their  
8 impressive work; and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Martin Middle School as an expression of high regard by  
11 the Texas House of Representatives.