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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to 2 honor the Dallas Association for Bilingual Education (DABE) on its 3 outstanding record of service to the people of this state in 4 enhancing the quality of education provided for the children of the 5 community and ensuring the equality of educational opportunity 6 available to all segments of the community's diverse population; 7 and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the special educational needs 8 of schoolchildren with limited English-speaking ability and committed 9 addressing those needs, concerned members of the Dallas 10 to 11 education community founded this organization to promote 12 bilingual, multicultural programs of instruction in the Dallas Independent School District and other school districts in the North 13 14 Texas Metroplex area; and

15 WHEREAS, Underlying the programs and methods advocated by the 16 association is the fundamental premise that equality of educational 17 opportunity can be achieved through bilingual education without 18 sacrificing the equally important goal of academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, By promoting bilingual education and multicultural programs for every student, the association hopes not only to provide a quality education for students with limited English proficiency but also to instill in all schoolchildren an appreciation of the contributions made by every group in an ethnically and culturally diverse society; and

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WHEREAS, Since 1986, DABE has been affiliated with the Texas 1 Association for Bilingual Education and has been active 2 in statewide efforts to address relevant issues at the state and 3 national level as well as at the local level; since joining forces 4 5 with the state organization, the Dallas association has greatly expanded its reach, increasing its ability to serve as an 6 educational resource, to provide training for teachers operating in 7 8 a bilingual classroom environment, and to take a multifaceted, comprehensive approach in furthering its objectives; and 9

10 WHEREAS, Appreciative of its valuable service to the state 11 over the years, this legislative body wishes to take advantage of 12 the 2009 installation of DABE officers to bestow on the association 13 the praise and recognition it so richly deserves; now, therefore, 14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas 16 Legislature hereby honor the Dallas Association for Bilingual 17 Education in 2009 on its outstanding record of service to the 18 community and its noteworthy dedication to its goal of improving 19 the quality of education provided to all the people of this state; 20 and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 22 prepared for the association as an expression of high esteem by the 23 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 303 was adopted by the House on February 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House