

By: Bolton

H.R. No. 343

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Menchaca Elementary School received special  
2 recognition from the Austin Independent School District for its  
3 outstanding achievements in mathematics during the 2007-2008  
4 school year; and

5           WHEREAS, This notable institution has earned distinction by  
6 participating in the district's strategic compensation initiative  
7 known as REACH, which was designed to help Austin ISD recruit and  
8 retain exceptional staff; the REACH program supports and rewards  
9 educators from designated schools based on classroom performance,  
10 and through its student growth component, teachers and principals  
11 receive stipend payments if their pupils' scores on the Texas  
12 Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test display significant  
13 progress; and

14           WHEREAS, The principal of Menchaca Elementary, John Rocha,  
15 and nearly 50 teachers were honored for their efforts to raise  
16 students' scores on the TAKS test, which resulted in campus-wide  
17 gains for the 2007-2008 school year; with this recent  
18 accomplishment, the staff of Menchaca Elementary have helped the  
19 student body realize its goal of boosting mathematical competency,  
20 and they have contributed to the overall success of the Austin ISD  
21 REACH pilot program; and

22           WHEREAS, The esteemed educators of Menchaca Elementary  
23 School have committed themselves to improving the academic  
24 performance of their students, and with their dedication and hard

1 work, they are building a solid foundation for the future  
2 achievement of these fine young Texans; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
4 Legislature hereby commend Menchaca Elementary School on its  
5 exemplary performance in the Austin ISD REACH program and extend to  
6 its staff and students sincere best wishes for continued success;  
7 and, be it further

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