

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, KIPP Austin Public Schools is visiting the State  
2 Capitol on February 16, 2009; and

3           WHEREAS, Founded in 1994, the Knowledge Is Power Program was  
4 developed to better serve Houston's inner-city youth; through the  
5 years, the program has grown to include 66 schools in 19 states and  
6 the District of Columbia, and now serves more than 16,000 students;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, KIPP has achieved notable success with low-income  
9 students; nearly 80 percent of students who complete the eighth  
10 grade at KIPP schools go to college, in contrast to a less than 20  
11 percent rate for low-income youth nationally; and

12           WHEREAS, KIPP Austin Public Schools was established in 2002  
13 by Jill Kolasinski, a teacher at the original KIPP Academy in  
14 Houston; she founded the institution on the following principles:  
15 high expectations of students, the choice to join the school and a  
16 commitment to excellence, more time spent in school, the power of  
17 the school director to lead, a focus on results, development of  
18 character to facilitate education, better health through nutrition  
19 and fitness, and supportive relationships with faculty; and

20           WHEREAS, KIPP Austin Public Schools is expanding the  
21 educational opportunities of a new generation of students in the  
22 Capitol City, and the success of the program and the achievements of  
23 the students merit special recognition; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby welcome the staff and students of KIPP Austin  
2 Public Schools to the State Capitol and extend to them sincere best  
3 wishes for the future; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives.

Dukes

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Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Pena
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 371 was adopted by the House on  
February 17, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House