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H.R. No. 451

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Shepard Elementary School in Plano was named a 2008
2 No Child Left Behind--Blue Ribbon School, the highest national
3 designation a school can receive; and

4 WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Schools Program was created by the
5 U.S. Department of Education in 1982 and was redesigned in 2002
6 under the No Child Left Behind Act; to qualify for nomination,
7 schools must demonstrate academic superiority within their state or
8 show dramatic gains in student achievement; and

9 WHEREAS, Previously selected as a No Child Left Behind--Blue
10 Ribbon School in 1992, Shepard Elementary was one of only 26 schools
11 in Texas to receive this prestigious award in 2008; this notable
12 institution has an enrollment of more than 400 students and it
13 operates by the motto, "We put our children first"; skillfully led
14 by principal Mary Spickler and assistant principal Chris Dunkle,
15 Shepard Elementary has obtained the exemplary rating from the Texas
16 Education Agency as well as the City of Plano Recycling Award;
17 moreover, the pupils at Shepard Elementary have earned distinction
18 for successful science fairs, poetry and writing contests, and
19 Odyssey of the Mind competitions; and

20 WHEREAS, Through commitment, hard work, and perseverance,
21 the teachers and students of Shepard Elementary School have
22 accomplished a record of academic excellence, and their outstanding
23 achievements were duly recognized with this Blue Ribbon School
24 designation; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor Shepard Elementary School on its selection
3 as a 2008 No Child Left Behind--Blue Ribbon School and extend to its
4 teachers, students, and staff sincere best wishes for continued
5 success; and, be it further

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