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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Houston Independent School District Department 2 of Library Services enriches the lives of many young Texans daily, 3 helping students to become readers, gain access to valuable 4 information, and become skilled in the use of electronic media 5 resources; and

6 WHEREAS, Striving to meet the educational needs of 200,000 7 children citywide, the department is currently working to enhance 8 school library collections and technology; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 250 school librarians are employed by the 10 district, and with the assistance of an Institute of Museum and 11 Library Services grant, 29 teachers are preparing to become 12 certified school librarians through Project: LIBS, the Librarian 13 Initiative for Better Schools program; and

14 WHEREAS, Committed to raising achievement standards, these 15 notable educators manage valuable resources and promote reading, 16 and they are supported in this vital goal by HISD Superintendent Dr. 17 Abelardo Saavedra; and

WHEREAS, Strong reading skills and an understanding of technology are crucial to academic success, and by helping to instill these abilities in children at a young age, the Houston ISD Department of Library Services is making a sound investment in the future of tomorrow's leaders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
Legislature hereby honor the Houston Independent School District

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Department of Library Services for its contributions to area youth and extend to the teachers embarking on librarian certification sincere best wishes for great success with their important work; and, be it further

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