## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Since its establishment in November 2008, the
- 2 Mother/Daughter Program at Gus Garcia Middle School in Austin has
- 3 helped to make a positive difference in the lives of its
- 4 participants; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Directed by sixth grade counselor Faye
- 6 Thomas-Terrell, the Mother/Daughter Program aims to increase the
- 7 graduation rate among the underserved female population, emphasize
- 8 higher education, and increase parental involvement; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Students are recommended by faculty and staff who
- 10 see in them a desire to be academically successful and the potential
- 11 to benefit from the extra support of a mentor, increased
- 12 self-esteem, more one-on-one time with their mothers, career
- 13 counseling, and support in a small group setting; and
- 14 WHEREAS, A meeting is held each month for the student
- 15 participants and their mothers, who learn how to motivate and
- 16 encourage their daughters to pursue their goals; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Supported by principal Dr. Helen Johnson, this
- 18 worthwhile initiative is helping to build vital relationships while
- 19 assisting young Texans on their journey toward success; now,
- 20 therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 22 Legislature hereby honor the Mother/Daughter Program at Gus Garcia
- 23 Middle School and extend to all those involved with the group
- 24 sincere best wishes for the future.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 754 was adopted by the House on March 11, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House