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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Westwood Junior High School in Dallas was awarded  
2 "Recognized" status by the Texas Education Agency in 2008; and

3 WHEREAS, To ensure that all students in Texas benefit from  
4 the highest standards of education, the TEA instituted an  
5 accountability rating system for the state's public schools and  
6 districts; a campus gains "Recognized" status if at least 75  
7 percent of its students pass each of the Texas Assessment of  
8 Knowledge and Skills subject area tests, and in 2008, only 34  
9 percent of all schools earned this distinction; and

10 WHEREAS, Westwood is the Richardson Independent School  
11 District's Math, Science, and Leadership Magnet and has earned  
12 "Recognized" status every year since 2004; providing instruction  
13 for youth in grades seven and eight, the school currently has an  
14 enrollment of approximately 640 students who develop their skills  
15 and knowledge in such programs as the RISD/Texas Instruments Math  
16 Initiative, the Science Olympiad, and Advancement Via Individual  
17 Determination; guided by principal Peggy Dillon, the faculty and  
18 staff strive to help their pupils realize their full potential; and

19 WHEREAS, The teachers and students of Westwood Junior High  
20 School have demonstrated outstanding dedication and perseverance  
21 in their pursuit of academic excellence, and they may indeed take  
22 justifiable pride in the accolade their school has received from  
23 the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

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

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1 Legislature hereby honor Westwood Junior High School on its  
2 achievement of a "Recognized" rating from the Texas Education  
3 Agency in 2008 and extend to its students, teachers, and staff  
4 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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