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H.R. No. 1016

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For the third consecutive year, Thurgood Marshall
2 Elementary School in Dallas was awarded "Recognized" status by the
3 Texas Education Agency in 2008; and

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

11 WHEREAS, The newest addition to the Richardson Independent
12 School District, Thurgood Marshall Elementary opened its doors in
13 August 2005; today, the school provides early childhood education
14 as well as instruction through the sixth grade to approximately 530
15 students, who are collectively known as the "Bulldogs"; under the
16 skilled leadership of their principal, Dr. Tonia Alexander, these
17 pupils are encouraged to live by the motto "Be All That You Can Be at
18 TME"; and

19 WHEREAS, The teachers and students of Thurgood Marshall
20 Elementary have demonstrated outstanding dedication and
21 perseverance in their pursuit of academic excellence, and they may
22 indeed take justifiable pride in the accolade their school has
23 received from 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 Thurgood Marshall Elementary 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.