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H.R. No. 1021

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Park Crest Elementary School in Garland 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, Founded in 1961, Park Crest Elementary today has an
11 enrollment of approximately 450 students from many cultures and
12 nationalities; its faculty, led by principal Don Drummond, likewise
13 reflects the diversity of the community, and draws strength from
14 its wide variety of styles, experiences, and backgrounds to help
15 each student build on his or her unique talents and abilities;
16 central to the school's instructional philosophy is a commitment to
17 reading as a critical skill and means to empowerment; Park Crest is
18 also noted for its choir, which won its sixth consecutive Division 1
19 trophy in the 2008 Sandy Lake Choir Competition; and

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

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor Park Crest Elementary School on its
3 achievement of a "Recognized" rating from the Texas Education
4 Agency in 2008 and extend to its students, teachers, and staff
5 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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