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H.R. No. 1022

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, M. D. Williams Elementary School in Garland was
2 awarded "Recognized" status by the Texas Education Agency in 2008;
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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 at least 75
8 percent of its students pass each of the Texas Assessment of
9 Knowledge and Skills subject area tests, and in 2008, only 34
10 percent of all schools earned this distinction; and

11 WHEREAS, Led by principal Ellen Mooney, Williams Elementary
12 has achieved "Recognized" status each year since 2005; it has
13 served central Garland for more than a half-century and many of its
14 alumni are respected and successful members of the community;
15 Williams Elementary today has an enrollment of approximately 315
16 students who benefit by instruction from a faculty recognized for
17 its skill and commitment; most recently, fifth grade mathematics
18 teacher Arezou Laridjani won an area competition to inspire
19 students by connecting math to everyday life, and special education
20 teacher Angela Brannon was chosen Teacher of the Month for January
21 2009 by Garland Power and Light; and

22 WHEREAS, The teachers and students of M. D. Williams
23 Elementary School have demonstrated outstanding dedication and
24 perseverance in their pursuit of academic excellence, and they may

1 indeed take justifiable pride in the accolade their school has
2 received from the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

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

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