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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A. M. Aikin Elementary School in Dallas was awarded 2 "Exemplary" status by the Texas Education Agency in 2008; and 3 WHEREAS, To ensure that all students in Texas benefit from

highest standards of education, the TEA instituted 4 5

accountability rating system for the state's public schools and

districts; a campus gains "Exemplary" status if at least 90 percent 6

of its students pass each of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and 7

Skills subject area tests, and in 2008, only 12 percent of all 8

schools in the state earned this notable distinction; and 9

WHEREAS, Aikin Elementary currently serves an enrollment of approximately 575 students, and it has been led by Principal Elizabeth Willis Kackley since December 2003; the school's mission is to provide a superior education so that children achieve academic success, show respect for others, and become productive members of society; its faculty and staff set high standards and strive to promote a safe and positive learning environment; and

WHEREAS, The teachers and students of Aikin Elementary have demonstrated outstanding dedication and perseverance in their pursuit of academic excellence, and they may indeed take justifiable pride in the prestigious accolade their school has received from the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas 23 Legislature hereby honor A. M. Aikin Elementary School on its achievement of an "Exemplary" rating from the Texas Education 24

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- 1 Agency in 2008 and extend to its students, teachers, and staff
- 2 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 4 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 5 House of Representatives.