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H.R. No. 1366

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to  
2 join the Communities In Schools State Advisory Committee and the  
3 Texas Education Agency in recognizing the recipients of the 2009  
4 Best of Texas awards; and

5           WHEREAS, Communities In Schools is a nationwide dropout  
6 prevention network with 27 area programs in Texas; the initiative  
7 helps students to improve in academics, attendance, and behavior,  
8 while encouraging them to stay in school, graduate, and pursue  
9 postsecondary education goals; and

10           WHEREAS, The Best of Texas award recipients are recognized  
11 for their outstanding commitment to the CIS program, students,  
12 families, and schools; they exemplify the spirit of the program and  
13 demonstrate dedication beyond expectations; and

14           WHEREAS, This year's award winners, their programs, and  
15 honors include Janice Masters, CIS El Paso, Paul Lane Award of  
16 Excellence; Mark Vallejo, CIS of San Antonio, Board Member of the  
17 Year; Cynthia Clay Briggs, CIS Houston, Executive Director of the  
18 Year; Leigh Ann Armendariz, CIS of Greater Tarrant County, Staff  
19 Member of the Year; Mary Ann Garrett, CIS of Bell-Coryell Counties,  
20 Volunteer of the Year; Maria Solano, CIS Heart of Texas, Parent of  
21 the Year; and Stephen Donaldson, CIS of North Texas, Student of the  
22 Year; and

23           WHEREAS, Other recipients are Duncan Klussman, CIS Houston,  
24 Superintendent of the Year; Deborah Merki, CIS of North Texas,

1 Principal of the Year; Adriana Laguna, CIS El Paso, Teacher of the  
2 Year; and Oakwood Baptist Church, CIS of South Central Texas,  
3 Business of the Year; and

4 WHEREAS, These committed citizens have helped many young  
5 Texans to stay in school, prepare for successful lives, and  
6 contribute to their communities, and they truly merit special  
7 recognition; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the recipients of the 2009  
10 Communities In Schools Best of Texas awards and commend all those  
11 involved with the Communities In Schools programs of Texas for  
12 their exceptional work; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for the award recipients as an expression of high regard by  
15 the Texas House of Representatives.