

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, McAllen Memorial High School is one of only five  
2 institutions to receive a 2009 Honorable Mention Inspiration Award  
3 from the College Board; and

4           WHEREAS, Each year, the College Board recognizes schools for  
5 their outstanding college preparation programs and their  
6 partnerships among teachers, parents, and community organizations;  
7 advanced placement courses prepare students for college and allow  
8 them to earn college credit, and consequently, AP students are more  
9 likely to graduate from college in four years; and

10           WHEREAS, McAllen Memorial students can choose from AP courses  
11 in art, language arts, math, science, social studies, and Spanish;  
12 the school's AP program is directed by English department chair  
13 Rachelle Grace, and Debbie Pace serves as the AP testing  
14 coordinator; and

15           WHEREAS, In addition, AP students at MMHS are supported by  
16 numerous faculty members, including Rina Roberts, Daniel Garcia,  
17 Gina Garcia, Luis Garza, David Moore, Sophia Pena-Garza, Ann  
18 Velarde, Kyle Brashear, Lucille Edwards, Mary E. Garza, Cynthia  
19 Mills, Sarah Vandever, Tim Baus, Melissa R. Eddy, Diana Lee  
20 Hinojosa, Jessica Kaiser, Maria Medrano, Gloria Harris, Todd S.  
21 Kettelkamp, Laura Lewis, Mesika Nguma, Mike Nicholson, Tanja Ochoa,  
22 Linda S. Rosales, and Yadira Gonzalez; and

23           WHEREAS, A quality education is the foundation of future  
24 success, and the advanced placement program at McAllen Memorial

1 High School is providing area students with opportunities for a  
2 unique and rigorous learning experience that will facilitate  
3 success for years to come; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
5 Legislature hereby honor McAllen Memorial High School on its  
6 receipt of a 2009 Honorable Mention Inspiration Award from the  
7 College Board and extend to its AP faculty members and students  
8 sincere appreciation for their hard work and dedication; and, be it  
9 further

10       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for McAllen Memorial High School as an expression of high  
12 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Gonzales

H.R. No. 1483

---

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1483 was adopted by the House on April 30, 2009, by a non-record vote.

---

Chief Clerk of the House