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H.R. No. 1563

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jennifer Atkinson of Metz Elementary School in  
2 Austin was selected as a finalist in the H-E-B Excellence in  
3 Education Awards on April 7, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Created to celebrate the contributions of public  
5 school professionals, the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards  
6 program is the largest monetary recognition initiative for  
7 educators in Texas and one of the largest in the nation; as a  
8 finalist, Ms. Atkinson receives a \$1,000 cash award and \$1,000 for  
9 her school, and she becomes eligible for grand prizes that range  
10 from \$5,000 to \$25,000; a total of \$500,000 in prizes will  
11 ultimately be awarded to schools and teachers as part of the  
12 program; and

13 WHEREAS, A veteran educator with more than 10 years of  
14 experience teaching first-grade students, Ms. Atkinson is one of  
15 just 40 Texas teachers and administrators named as finalists; she  
16 has also been awarded a number of other accolades in her career,  
17 including the Time Warner Cable National Teacher of the Year Award,  
18 a \$10,000 classroom makeover from Got 2B Safe!, and the James F.  
19 Veninga Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award; and

20 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State depends on outstanding teachers  
21 to prepare its young citizens for the challenges and opportunities  
22 of the future, and Jennifer Atkinson's notable contributions to  
23 that worthy goal are duly recognized with this prestigious honor;  
24 now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Jennifer Atkinson on her selection  
3 as a finalist in the 2009 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards and  
4 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
5 further

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