

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Fort Settlement Middle School Band of Sugar Land  
2 has been awarded the 2009 Sudler Silver Cup from the John Philip  
3 Sousa Foundation; and

4           WHEREAS, This accolade was established more than two decades  
5 ago for the purpose of identifying and honoring exemplary junior  
6 high and middle school concert bands; the Sudler Cup is the highest  
7 prize for bands at this level, and it is given only to those  
8 programs that have demonstrated excellence over a period of seven  
9 or more years under the same conductor; while the selection process  
10 focuses on the band's concert activities, the overall program must  
11 be complete, and it must include participation in solo and ensemble  
12 activities; and

13           WHEREAS, Led by Greg Countryman, the Fort Settlement band  
14 program serves approximately 200 students, who are exposed to the  
15 fundamentals of characteristic tone production, music reading  
16 skills, and individual technical development beginning in the sixth  
17 grade; during the seventh and eighth grades, students audition for  
18 placement in either the Symphonic or Honors Bands, through which  
19 they continue to enhance their abilities; in addition to its  
20 distinction as the only middle school band from throughout the  
21 United States and Canada to receive the Sudler Cup in 2009, this  
22 noteworthy group has earned numerous awards at statewide  
23 competitions; and

24           WHEREAS, Through hard work, dedication, and perseverance,

1 the Fort Settlement Middle School Band has built an impressive  
2 record of achievement, and its outstanding efforts were duly  
3 recognized by the John Philip Sousa Foundation; now, therefore, be  
4 it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the Fort Settlement Middle School  
7 Band on its receipt of the 2009 Sudler Silver Cup and extend to Greg  
8 Countryman and the band members sincere best wishes for continued  
9 success; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the Fort Settlement Middle School Band as an  
12 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Howard of Fort Bend

H.R. No. 1632

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1632 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House