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H.R. No. 1632

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.