

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Karen Ellis has served as a trustee of the  
2 Richardson Independent School District since 1999, demonstrating  
3 admirable dedication to her community and its children; and

4           WHEREAS, Currently serving as the board's secretary, Ms.  
5 Ellis previously held the offices of vice president and treasurer;  
6 she received Master Trustee certification in 2001, having completed  
7 the Leadership TASB program of the Texas Association of School  
8 Boards; and

9           WHEREAS, Ms. Ellis was elected in 2006 to a three-year term  
10 representing Region 10A on the TASB board; she has served on the  
11 TASB Legislative Advisory Council and as a delegate to the Delegate  
12 Assembly, and she has also participated in panels and presentations  
13 at major TASB events; and

14           WHEREAS, A member of the executive committee of the North  
15 Texas Area Association of School Boards, Ms. Ellis further supports  
16 public education through her work with the Federal Relations  
17 Network and TASB Advocacy Network, and she has testified before  
18 legislative committees on school matters; she has served as  
19 president of her local Parent Teacher Association as well and was  
20 membership vice president for the RISD Council of PTAs; in  
21 recognition of her outstanding efforts, she received a Texas PTA  
22 Life Membership and Extended Service Award; and

23           WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan completed the Leadership  
24 Richardson program of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and has

1 served the organization as a curriculum advisor and mentor, and she  
2 was recognized as its Alumnus of the Year in 2006; moreover, she  
3 gives generously of her time and talents as an active member of the  
4 Richardson East Rotary Club and the Heights Baptist Church; an  
5 apparel representative with Leon & Associates of Dallas, she  
6 attended the University of North Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, Providing young people with a quality education is  
8 essential to creating a prosperous future for our state and nation,  
9 and through her achievements as a trustee of the Richardson ISD,  
10 Karen Ellis has earned the profound appreciation of her fellow  
11 Texans; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
13 Legislature hereby commend Karen Ellis for her exemplary service to  
14 the Richardson Independent School District Board of Trustees and  
15 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success in her  
16 worthwhile endeavors; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Ms. Ellis as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
19 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1791

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1791 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House