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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Akiba Academy has provided a quality education
 to Dallas children for nearly five decades; and

3 WHEREAS, Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges 4 and Schools, Akiba serves an enrollment of about 280 with a 5 curriculum that combines general studies in language, science, 6 mathematics, social studies, music, computers, and the arts with a 7 Judaic program based on the Torah; the school fosters a strong 8 connection to Israel through instruction in Hebrew and in the 9 history and culture of the country; and

WHEREAS, The skilled teachers at Akiba give students 10 11 individual attention in academics and help them develop pride in 12 their heritage and knowledge of the world around them; the school offers infant care and prekindergarten as well as kindergarten 13 14 through eighth grade, and shares a new, state-of-the-art campus with the Yavneh Academy, a college-preparatory high school; the 15 16 Schultz Rosenberg Campus won a 2006 Judges' Award for Design from Texas Construction magazine and enhances study through such 17 features as a central technology room, science laboratories, and 18 arts facilities; and 19

20 WHEREAS, Committed to the greater community, Akiba nurtures 21 an appreciation of civic engagement through a requirement that all 22 students from grades one through eight participate in service 23 projects; ensuring students a well-rounded experience, the school 24 also supports an athletic program with championship teams in

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1 volleyball and basketball and such extracurricular activities as
2 ballet, martial arts, chess club, and choir; and

3 WHEREAS, Akiba Academy is a member of the Texas Association 4 of Non-Public Schools, the National Society of Hebrew Day Schools, 5 and the Association of Modern Orthodox Day Schools; it was the first 6 private elementary school in Dallas to be cited for excellence by 7 the United States Department of Education, and its preschool 8 program has been chosen as one of 13 model sites in the nation by the 9 Jewish Early Childhood Educational Initiative; and

10 WHEREAS, Since 1962, the dedicated faculty, administration, 11 and staff of Akiba Academy have worked to create a rich and 12 challenging educational environment, helping children grow to 13 become responsible, caring, and productive citizens of the Lone 14 Star State; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas 16 Legislature hereby recognize Akiba Academy of Dallas for its 17 contributions and achievements and extend to all those associated 18 with the school best wishes for continued success; and, be it 19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 21 prepared for Akiba Academy as an expression of high regard by the 22 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1894 was adopted by the House on May 14, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House