

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Professor Diane Hays and architecture students from  
2 The University of Texas at San Antonio have made a positive  
3 difference in their community through their efforts at Raymond  
4 Russell County Park; and

5           WHEREAS, Gaining real-world experience while improving this  
6 northside facility, the class worked with Bexar County and Jamail &  
7 Smith Construction to renovate a cabin, known as "The Schoolhouse,"  
8 and to create a nature trail; over a two-year period, students  
9 seeded the area with prairie grass, graveled a path, and  
10 constructed wooden observation decks, which Professor Hays hopes  
11 will be used as outdoor classrooms; and

12           WHEREAS, This worthwhile initiative has taught more than 60  
13 students lessons in design and budgeting, in addition to providing  
14 them with hands-on building experience; as a result, these young  
15 Texans will enter the job market with excellent skills learned both  
16 in and outside the classroom; and

17           WHEREAS, The students' work has not only enhanced the park's  
18 appearance, it has provided easier access for visitors, enabled  
19 better vantage points to view the area's natural beauty, and helped  
20 safeguard the park against soil erosion due to flooding; and

21           WHEREAS, Diane Hays has developed an innovative and  
22 purposeful approach to training future Texas architects, and this  
23 noteworthy undertaking will be of lasting benefit to project  
24 participants as well as area residents; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
2 Legislature hereby commend Professor Diane Hays and her students  
3 from The University of Texas at San Antonio for their contributions  
4 to Raymond Russell County Park and extend to them sincere best  
5 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2494 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House