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H.R. No. 2494

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

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.