WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize LBJ High School principal Patrick Patterson, who has been named the 2009 Austin Independent School District Principal of the Year for Secondary Schools by Partners in Education; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Patterson began his career in education in Chicago, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Chicago State University and taught high school algebra and physical education; and

WHEREAS, He moved to Austin in 1983 and began teaching at Blackshear Elementary School; he attended Southwest Texas State University and earned certification in administration and elementary education; and

WHEREAS, He became an assistant principal at Summitt Elementary School in 1990 and served as principal at Reilly Elementary School, Dobie Middle School, and Lanier High School before moving to LBJ High School in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson has demonstrated exceptional leadership and management skills and has had great success in developing effective student, parental, and community relationships; he is associated with numerous professional organizations, and he has received several awards; and

WHEREAS, He has worked diligently to raise the academic level at LBJ High School by creating a positive, nurturing learning environment; he has skillfully handled the many complexities of being a principal and educator, and he is indeed worthy of recognition for his fine achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Patrick Patterson for his many contributions to the Austin Independent School District and congratulate him on being named 2009 Principal of the Year by Partners in Education; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate
I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May $14,2009$.

Secretary of the Senate

