

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Garden City High School in the Glasscock County
2 Independent School District has been named a 2010 Blue Ribbon
3 School, a designation awarded to fewer than one percent of schools
4 in the nation, and has been rated as "Exemplary" by the Texas
5 Education Agency; and

6 WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Schools program was created by the
7 United States Department of Education in 1982 to honor public and
8 private campuses that either are high performing or have
9 demonstrated dramatic improvement in closing the achievement gap;
10 just 25 schools attained this distinction in the Lone Star State for
11 2010; and

12 WHEREAS, The Texas Education Agency bases its school ratings
13 on students' performance on a battery of the Texas Assessment of
14 Knowledge and Skills tests, administered annually in the spring;
15 the "Exemplary" rating is the highest an institution can receive;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Led with skill and dedication by principal Ken
18 Hoskins, Garden City High School serves about 125 students, half of
19 whom are economically disadvantaged, in grades 7-12; over the past
20 five years, 100 percent of Garden City High students have
21 graduated, and nearly three-quarters of them attended college;
22 additionally, seniors bound for higher education have earned more
23 than \$500,000 in scholarships, including a National Merit
24 Scholarship, university presidential and departmental

1 scholarships, and state academic scholarships; and

2 WHEREAS, Through dedication, hard work, and perseverance,
3 the teachers and students of Garden City High School have built a
4 record of academic excellence, and their outstanding efforts have
5 been duly recognized with the Blue Ribbon School designation and
6 TEA's "Exemplary" rating; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Garden City High School on its
9 selection as a 2010 Blue Ribbon School and on its receipt of an
10 "Exemplary" rating from the Texas Education Agency; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 438

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 438 was adopted by the House on March 3, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House