

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Vision Academy of Excellence in the Edinburg  
2 Consolidated Independent School District has helped 135  
3 nontraditional students earn their high school diplomas since it  
4 opened in January 2010; and

5           WHEREAS, Created by district superintendent Dr. Rene  
6 Gutierrez, the Vision Academy of Excellence was founded to assist  
7 students in mastering the competencies they need to graduate and to  
8 provide an alternative for those whose schooling was interrupted;  
9 as part of a "no excuses" philosophy, administrators utilize  
10 district lists of students who have stopped attending class and  
11 make home visits to inform those individuals of the Vision Academy  
12 and how it can help them to earn needed course credits or to pass  
13 state proficiency tests; and

14           WHEREAS, The second graduating class at the academy received  
15 diplomas on January 27, 2011; 92 students, twice the number from the  
16 previous year, fulfilled the graduation requirements despite the  
17 challenges they faced; and

18           WHEREAS, Currently about 142 students are enrolled at the  
19 school, ranging in age from 18 to 25, and nearly 40 percent have  
20 children of their own; academy director Nelda Garza and her staff  
21 collaborate with ECISD team parent staff, Communities in Schools,  
22 Workforce Solutions, and the United Way to connect students to  
23 child care and other resources; and

24           WHEREAS, The academy achieves positive results by fostering a

1 personalized approach to education and by offering flexible hours  
2 and scheduling and small class sizes; school district  
3 administrators have applied for grants, including from the  
4 organization Jobs for the Future, in hopes of increasing the number  
5 of students the academy serves; and

6 WHEREAS, Public education is an endeavor in which all Texans  
7 have a stake, and the dedicated work of the faculty and staff of the  
8 Vision Academy of Excellence is changing many lives for the better;  
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
11 Legislature hereby honor the Vision Academy of Excellence in the  
12 Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District for helping  
13 nontraditional students to graduate from high school and extend  
14 sincere best wishes to all those associated with the campus for  
15 continued success; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for the academy as an expression of high regard by the  
18 Texas House of Representatives.

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Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
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H.R. No. 770

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 770 was adopted by the House on March 8, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House