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H.R. No. 1000

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Ella Whitley, a special education teacher at Midway  
2 Middle School in Hewitt, has been selected as a finalist for the  
3 H-E-B Excellence in Education Award; and

4           WHEREAS, Since 2002, H-E-B has honored outstanding Texas  
5 educators with Excellence in Education Awards, and the program is  
6 now the largest of its kind in the state; finalists receive \$1,000  
7 for themselves, as well as an equal amount for their school; and

8           WHEREAS, With more than 20 years of experience, Ms. Whitley  
9 will be competing in the Lifetime Achievement Award category for  
10 the chance to split \$50,000 with Midway Middle School; like all  
11 honorees, she was nominated by H-E-B customers and employees and by  
12 those in the community who are impressed with her work; she  
13 subsequently completed an application packet that included  
14 questions about her professional experiences, educational  
15 philosophies, and achievements both in and out of the classroom,  
16 and judges narrowed the field to 223 semifinalists; having made the  
17 first round, she competed in a regional judging process to become  
18 one of 40 finalists; and

19           WHEREAS, This public acknowledgment of Ella Whitley's  
20 exceptional commitment to teaching reinforces what students,  
21 parents, and her fellow educators already know: that she is a  
22 dedicated and talented professional who justly deserves this honor;  
23 now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Ella Whitley on her selection as a  
2 finalist for the H-E-B Excellence in Education Award and that she be  
3 extended sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
4 further

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