

By: Branch

H.R. No. 1137

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Dallas Independent School District is offering  
2 students the prestigious International Baccalaureate program  
3 beginning in the fall of 2011; and

4           WHEREAS, Designed for the final two years of high school, the  
5 International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme prepares students  
6 for success, both in college and in life; after years of careful  
7 study, the two-year program has been authorized to begin at Woodrow  
8 Wilson High School in Dallas and will be offered to interested  
9 juniors and seniors who are willing to work hard and commit  
10 themselves to rigorous assessments with international standards;  
11 the program, recognized by institutions of higher learning  
12 throughout the world, is supplemented by pre-IB courses already  
13 available at the school; and

14           WHEREAS, Recently marking its 80th anniversary, Woodrow  
15 Wilson High School is ably led by principal Ruth Vail, who helped to  
16 bring the IB program to the school in collaboration with Dallas ISD  
17 superintendent Michael Hinojosa and the district's board of  
18 trustees; Woodrow Wilson teachers overseeing the IB courses have  
19 attended workshops throughout the United States and have developed  
20 outlines approved by IB administrators; students completing the  
21 requirements of the challenging program can acquire 24 hours of  
22 college credit for their work; and

23           WHEREAS, Further exemplifying the district's emphasis on  
24 high-quality educational choices for students, J. L. Long Middle

1 School in Dallas is also working toward becoming an IB school; under  
2 the expert direction of principal Danielle Petters, this  
3 outstanding institution is equally committed to giving its students  
4 a strong educational foundation on which to build; and

5 WHEREAS, In striving to achieve official status as  
6 International Baccalaureate schools, these Dallas ISD institutions  
7 are demonstrating an unwavering commitment to excellence, and they  
8 may take justifiable pride in their notable efforts in behalf of  
9 area schoolchildren; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
11 Legislature hereby commend Woodrow Wilson High School and  
12 J. L. Long Middle School in the Dallas Independent School District  
13 for their efforts to offer students the International Baccalaureate  
14 program and extend to all those associated with the schools sincere  
15 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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