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H.R. No. 1370

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Students at Grandview Hills Elementary School in  
2 Austin participated in the Pennies for Peace charitable initiative  
3 from February 14 through March 4, 2011; and

4           WHEREAS, Pennies for Peace is an international  
5 service-learning program that gives children in impoverished  
6 countries access to education while helping students in the U.S.  
7 and other developed nations to become more engaged global citizens;  
8 by collecting pennies for children their age in Pakistan and  
9 Afghanistan, students learn the rewards of sharing and working  
10 together to bring hope and educational opportunities to young  
11 people in other parts of the world; and

12           WHEREAS, Grandview Hills Elementary first took part in the  
13 Pennies for Peace campaign in the spring of 2009, raising more than  
14 \$1,000 in pennies; the donation paid for an area teacher's salary  
15 for one year, as well as for five students' school supplies, a  
16 scholarship, two sewing machines and materials, and more than 400  
17 pencils; kindergarteners through fifth-grade students saved spare  
18 change and held bake sales to raise funds; and

19           WHEREAS, Aply led by principal Brenda Cruz, Grandview Hills  
20 further prepares its students for today's global society by  
21 offering the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme,  
22 and it is the first elementary school in the Leander Independent  
23 School District to do so; and

24           WHEREAS, Through their involvement in Pennies for Peace,

1 Grandview Hills students are gaining a greater understanding of  
2 other cultures and economic disparities around the world, and they  
3 are helping to make a difference in many young lives; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
6 Legislature hereby honor the students of Grandview Hills Elementary  
7 School for their participation in the Pennies for Peace initiative  
8 and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success; and,  
9 be it further

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