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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Richland College in Dallas has earned distinction
2 for its campus-wide recycling and waste management efforts; and

3 WHEREAS, A member of the U.S. Environmental Protection
4 Agency's voluntary WasteWise program, which encourages
5 organizations across the nation to reduce and recycle solid waste
6 and select industrial wastes, Richland College was recognized with
7 the 2010 WasteWise College/University Partner of the Year Award; in
8 addition, the college placed first among Texas schools that
9 participated in RecycleMania, a friendly competition between
10 college and university recycling programs, and went on to finish
11 15th out of 288 institutions nationwide in the Grand Champion
12 division; and

13 WHEREAS, Richland's efforts to conserve have ranged from
14 reusing interoffice envelopes to turning old classroom doors into
15 desks; the school has also repurposed old buildings, moving them to
16 new locations to serve as workshops; in the course of the
17 construction of the school's new LEED Platinum-designed science
18 building, more than 87 percent of the construction waste was
19 recycled, including 204 tons of concrete, 47 tons of metal, 600 tons
20 of demolition debris, and 5,000 tons of sand and dirt; and

21 WHEREAS, During Richland's first year of participation in
22 RecycleMania in 2009, the school recycled more than 66 tons of
23 material and diverted another 65 tons of waste from landfills; that
24 year the school also reduced greenhouse gas emissions by nearly

1 2,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide, equivalent to the burning of
2 220,000 gallons of gasoline; and

3 WHEREAS, Richland College was previously honored with the
4 2009 Business and Industry Environmental Award from the Richardson
5 Chamber of Commerce; and

6 WHEREAS, The students, faculty, staff, and administration of
7 Richland College have demonstrated outstanding commitment to
8 sustainability, making the school a state and national leader in
9 recycling and waste reduction, and they may indeed take great pride
10 in their exemplary efforts; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Richland College on its receipt of
13 the 2010 WasteWise College/University Partner of the Year Award and
14 on its first-place statewide finish in the RecycleMania
15 competition; and, be it further

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