

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, James B. Bonham Elementary School in the Dallas
2 Independent School District was named a 2010 Blue Ribbon School,
3 the highest national designation a school can receive; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded by the United States Department of Education
5 in 1982, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors high-performing
6 public and private schools that have demonstrated significant gains
7 in student achievement, especially among disadvantaged students;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Bonham Elementary was one of only 25 schools in
10 Texas to achieve the blue ribbon designation in 2010; the school has
11 held an Exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency since
12 2003, and it has received a number of other honors, including the
13 National Center for Urban School Transformation Award for
14 2008-2009; the Texas Business and Education Coalition and Just for
15 the Kids have placed Bonham on the Just for the Kids Honor Roll for
16 five consecutive years; and

17 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of principal Sandra Fernandez,
18 the dedicated faculty and staff of Bonham Elementary have created a
19 friendly, child-focused, and challenging learning environment; the
20 many alumni who are now staff members or parents of students help
21 maintain a strong sense of continuity at the nearly 90-year-old
22 school; in addition, 91 percent of the teachers have six or more
23 years' experience and half have earned master's degrees; and

24 WHEREAS, Through commitment, hard work, and perseverance,

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1 the administrators, teachers, and students of Bonham Elementary
2 School have built a record of academic excellence, and their
3 efforts have been duly recognized with this prestigious accolade;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate James B. Bonham Elementary School
7 on its selection as a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School and commend
8 all those associated with this outstanding institution of learning;
9 and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1976 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House