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H.R. No. 2129

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Kay Butler has served the Buna Independent School  
2 District with great dedication for more than three decades, and for  
3 her exemplary leadership and civic engagement she has been named  
4 2011 Co-Citizen of the Year by the local chamber of commerce; and

5           WHEREAS, Each week, Ms. Butler devotes some 60 hours to the  
6 district; she teaches physical education and health, coaches  
7 basketball and track, and even drives a bus, and she has always been  
8 willing to go above and beyond in behalf of public education; and

9           WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan holds both a bachelor's degree  
10 and a master's degree in health and physical education and brings to  
11 Buna High School a wealth of experience in athletics; as a talented  
12 young basketball player, she was invited to play on the women's  
13 Olympic and World Games teams; she has helped countless students  
14 excel in sports, not only teaching them skills but also instilling  
15 in them a strong work ethic and sense of discipline; and

16           WHEREAS, In the 1990s, Ms. Butler worked selflessly to  
17 develop a cross country program at Buna High and ran it without  
18 compensation for two years before funding was made available;  
19 moreover, she established a Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
20 chapter and raised funds to take more than 30 youngsters to an FCA  
21 leadership camp in Colorado, and she later led two more such trips;  
22 on a volunteer basis, she organized clinics for girls entering high  
23 school to improve their athletic skills; and

24           WHEREAS, Ms. Butler has set an inspiring example of service

1 to the wider community as well, raising more than \$200,000 through  
2 such efforts as the annual Christmas Challenge, a three-month  
3 program in which students help to make the holiday season brighter  
4 for 300 local families in need; in January 2011, Ms. Butler was  
5 named Texan of the Week by State Farm Insurance; and

6 WHEREAS, A gifted teacher, caring mentor, and exceptional  
7 role model, Kay Butler has made a positive difference in the lives  
8 of countless young Texans, motivating them to reach their full  
9 potential; throughout her noteworthy career with the district, she  
10 has set high standards to which all educators may aspire, and her  
11 service to the community and its students is indeed worthy of  
12 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby commend Kay Butler for her outstanding  
15 contributions to the Buna Independent School District and  
16 congratulate her on her selection as 2011 Co-Citizen of the Year;  
17 and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Ms. Butler as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
20 House of Representatives.