

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sam Houston Middle School of the Irving Independent
2 School District was named a finalist for the 2011 Panasonic
3 National School Change Awards; and

4 WHEREAS, An initiative of the National Principals Leadership
5 Institute, the Panasonic National School Change Awards were created
6 to recognize schools that have instituted practices that have
7 significantly changed the overall performance and outlook of the
8 school for the better; the program is supported by the Panasonic
9 Corporation and cosponsored by the American Association of School
10 Administrators; and

11 WHEREAS, Sam Houston Middle School was 1 of only 20 finalists
12 for the 2011 awards, and the school will be honored, along with the
13 other finalists and six award winners, at a national ceremony to be
14 held on July 11, 2011, in New York City; and

15 WHEREAS, Aply led by principal Robert Abel and assistant vice
16 principals Lariza Liner, Jessica Rose, and Bonnie Richardson, the
17 school has an enrollment of more than 1,000 students in the sixth
18 through eighth grades; in 2010, Sam Houston Middle School earned a
19 "recognized" rating from the Texas Education Agency; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to the contributions of its principal,
21 vice principals, and teachers, Sam Houston Middle School has
22 benefited from the leadership of Irving ISD superintendent Dr. Dana
23 Bedden, special assistant to the superintendent Ralph Diaz, and
24 director of secondary teaching and learning Randy Cobb, as well as

1 from the vision and guidance of the Irving ISD Board of Trustees,
2 which includes president Valerie Jones, vice president Nancy L.
3 Jones, secretary Heather Ashley, and members Jerry Christian, Gwen
4 Craig, Ronda Huffstetler, and A. D. Jenkins; and

5 WHEREAS, Through hard work and commitment, the
6 administrators, teachers, students, and parents of Sam Houston
7 Middle School have established a notable record of academic
8 achievement, and their outstanding efforts are indeed worthy of
9 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Sam Houston Middle School on being
12 named a finalist for the 2011 Panasonic School Change Awards and
13 extend to all those associated with the school sincere best wishes
14 for continued success; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Sam Houston Middle School as an expression of high
17 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Harper-Brown

H.R. No. 2665

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2665 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House