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H.R. No. 2665

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.