

1                                 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2                 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to  
3 recognize Austin Can! Academy, a dropout recovery charter high  
4 school serving at-risk students of Travis County; and

5                 WHEREAS, Austin Can! Academy was established to give local  
6 students a second chance to succeed in their education; 95 percent  
7 of the student population at Austin Can! Academy is considered  
8 at-risk and 95 percent of the students are economically  
9 disadvantaged; 33 percent of the students have limited English  
10 proficiency and 25 percent are in special education classes; and

11                WHEREAS, The academy has been rated an academically  
12 acceptable school by the Texas Education Agency; the school's many  
13 partners in the community include the Austin Symphony Orchestra,  
14 the League of United Latin American Citizens, the Rotary Club,  
15 Austin Community College, and The University of Texas School of  
16 Social Work; and

17                WHEREAS, The success of the school is reflected in the growth  
18 of its number of graduates; five students graduated in 2003, and in  
19 2010, 62 students graduated; in addition, during the tenure of its  
20 principal, Dr. Joe Gonzales, there has been an 80 percent increase  
21 in college enrollment; and

22                WHEREAS, Austin Can! Academy is a valuable asset to the City  
23 of Austin and Travis County; through its relationship-based  
24 education and training, it provides its students with the

1 opportunity to earn a high school diploma and make a new start in  
2 life; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
4 hereby commend the teachers, staff, administrators, and community  
5 partners of Austin Can! Academy for their efforts to help the young  
6 people of Travis County achieve a high school education; and, be it  
7 further

8         RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for  
9 Austin Can! Academy as an expression of esteem from the Texas  
10 Legislature.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 29 was adopted by the Senate on March 14, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 29 was adopted by the House on March 23, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor