

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 638

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Nell Burks Elementary School in McKinney, which has been named the first Healthy Zone School; and

**WHEREAS**, Nell Burks Elementary School was chosen for this prestigious honor after an extensive search led by the Cooper Institute and the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas; it was selected for its effective health and nutrition practices, which will serve as an example to schools throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Childhood obesity has become an increasingly significant health issue as the percentage of overweight children has grown; studies suggest that physically fit students have fewer health problems, perform better on standardized tests, and are less likely to develop disciplinary problems; and

**WHEREAS**, The Healthy Zone School Recognition Program was established to make training and financial aid available to schools that show a dedication to physical fitness; as the first Healthy Zone School, Nell Burks Elementary School will receive funds to further healthy practices on campus and in the surrounding community; and

**WHEREAS**, Nell Burks Elementary School has served the community well by helping to raise awareness of childhood obesity and by promoting the importance of living a healthy lifestyle; it is truly deserving of being named the first Healthy Zone School; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the students, faculty, and staff of Nell Burks Elementary School on their commitment to reducing childhood obesity and promoting physical fitness and extend to all congratulations on being named the first Healthy Zone School; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the school as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 28, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate