

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 753**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Brandeis High School Principal Geri Berger, who has been named the 2011 Texas High School Principal of the Year by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals; and

**WHEREAS,** Geri Berger's long record of excellence in her educational career is a testament to the high standards she sets for herself, her commitment to her profession, and her dedicated pursuit of higher education and personal growth; she is noted for her superior communication skills and her collaborative leadership, and she strives to create a working environment in which teachers and students look forward to coming to school; and

**WHEREAS,** She began her career teaching English at Sul Ross Middle School in 1990 while completing work for her master's degree; she continued her career at Marshall High School and transferred to O'Connor High School when that school opened in 1998; she taught English for three years before going into administration, first as assistant principal and then as vice principal; and

**WHEREAS,** She worked as a magnet school principal for Business Careers High School for two years and then accepted the challenge of opening Brandeis, a comprehensive 5A high school, which was to start classes within the next year; her leadership and organizational skills have left an indelible mark on the school; and

**WHEREAS,** Geri Berger grew up on the South Side and received a scholarship to attend Saint Mary's University, where she earned a bachelor's degree; she holds a master's degree in education,

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Texas principal and superintendent certifications, and a doctoral degree in educational leadership from The University of Texas at San Antonio, where she also serves as an adjunct professor and teaches a class in school administration; and

**WHEREAS**, A dedicated and gifted educator, Geri Berger has had a positive impact on the lives of many students as well as teachers, who are inspired by her positive attitude and resourceful leadership; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Geri Berger on her outstanding career and congratulate her on being selected as the 2011 Texas High School Principal of the Year; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her 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 April 12, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate