

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 766

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to congratulate Ronnie D. Shores on receiving the 2011 Student of the Year Award from Communities In Schools of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Communities In Schools is part of a nationwide program whose mission is to help young people stay in school, learn, and prepare for a successful life by providing school-based social services and links to community resources; and

WHEREAS, Communities In Schools recognizes that effective dropout prevention must be a community effort; the Communities In Schools state office annually honors outstanding Texans from different areas of service for their commitment to students and families, the community at large, and the Communities In Schools program; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Shores is one of the success stories of the Communities In Schools program; since becoming involved with the program, he has developed his self-confidence and has begun taking part in numerous school activities and volunteer work outside of school; he completed the XY-Zone leadership curriculum, which fostered his leadership and public-speaking skills, and he is now an ambassador for Communities In Schools as well as a mentor to younger students in the program; he has improved his grades noticeably, and he is a key member of his school's debate team; and

WHEREAS, As an award winner, Ronnie is being honored not only for his own efforts to succeed in school, but also for his contributions to his community and to the Communities In Schools program through his spokespersonship, his volunteerism, and his efforts to reduce dropout rates and help other students prepare for a better future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Ronnie D. Shores on his commitment to becoming a better student and contributing to his school and his community and congratulate him on being named Communities In Schools 2011 Texas Student of the Year; and, be it further

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

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 13, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate