

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1144

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Harlandale Independent School District for winning the H-E-B Excellence in Education Award and for demonstrating exceptional commitment to improving student achievement, developing innovative programs, increasing parental involvement, and creating opportunities for professional development; and

WHEREAS, The Harlandale Independent School District, under the leadership of superintendent Robert Jaklich, won the District Award for large districts and a prize of \$100,000; the district was credited for overcoming a lack of funding and other economic and social challenges to become a beacon of academic excellence and opportunity in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Since 2008, the number of Harlandale Independent School District campuses rated as Recognized or Exemplary by the Texas Education Agency has nearly doubled, to 18 out of 19, making the district one of the best school districts in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Harlandale Independent School District, with 14,000 students, is now ranked number one in San Antonio and seventh in the state, based on an index of academic performance and spending, according to the Education Resource Group, and the district rose to Recognized status for the first time in 2010; and

WHEREAS, This award has demonstrated the resolve and commitment of the district's superintendent, administrators, faculty, staff, and students and the entire Harlandale community, and it serves as a landmark moment in the history of the district; and

WHEREAS, The H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards program is the largest monetary recognition awards program for educators in Texas and one of the largest in the nation; H-E-B began this prestigious awards program in 2002 in cooperation with the Texas Association of School Administrators to support public education, to spotlight best practices, and to celebrate the work of Texas educators; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize the Harlandale Independent School District for winning the H-E-B Excellence in Education Award and extend to them congratulations on their outstanding success; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the district as an expression of high regard 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 May 24, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate