

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize teacher Lori Kirkhuff and the fourth grade students of Bransford Elementary School for their outstanding success in the implementation of the Green Thumbs for Giving class project; and

WHEREAS, Green Thumbs for Giving is an example of project-based learning that brings together several core subjects in a hands-on way; led by the mathematics and digital-classroom instructor, the Bransford Elementary School pupils have planted an herb garden, and they are using proceeds from the sales of its yield to purchase school supplies for less fortunate students; and

WHEREAS, The herb garden includes sage, rosemary, thyme, and basil, which were planted from seed in February; the project has allowed youngsters to observe the growth cycle of plants and has taught them the significance of cooperation and the necessity of planning ahead; and

WHEREAS, In the process, these budding philanthropists are learning important elements of mathematics, science, communications, and technology, all of which are necessary in the execution of such a project; and

WHEREAS, In addition to planting and harvesting the herbs, class members have been involved in many other aspects of the project, including packaging the herbs with recipe cards, creating advertisements for the school newsletter, composing press releases, writing thank-you notes to business sponsors, and performing skits that illustrate the need that the project

addresses, as well as a start-to-finish multimedia documentation of the project; and

WHEREAS, Green Thumbs for Giving is a remarkable classroom project that educates participants in traditional disciplines while instilling in them a sense of generosity and community service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Bransford Elementary School teacher Lori Kirkhuff and the fourth grade students who are participating in the Green Thumbs for Giving project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them 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 June 6, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate