

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, School board members play an integral role in the
2 education of our children, and the observance of School Board
3 Recognition Month in January 2013 provides a welcome opportunity to
4 honor the trustees of the La Joya Independent School District; and

5 WHEREAS, Situated in the western part of Hidalgo County, La
6 Joya ISD includes 37 schools and serves a student population of
7 nearly 30,000; the seven school board members who oversee this
8 district work closely with Dr. Alda T. Benavides, superintendent,
9 as well as with parents, teachers, and community leaders to ensure
10 an optimal learning environment for all students; and

11 WHEREAS, The board is led by president Juan "J. J." Pena, Jr.,
12 vice president Esperanza "Espie" Ochoa, and secretary Joel Garcia;
13 Mr. Pena is a real estate broker and developer; Ms. Ochoa is a
14 reading specialist and former teacher who served as a statewide
15 coordinator for The University of Texas at Austin Institute for
16 Public School Initiatives, and Mr. Garcia is a local business owner
17 and vice president of the Palmview Chamber of Commerce; and

18 WHEREAS, Other members of the board include Johnn Valente
19 Alaniz, the city manager of Palmview, who was first elected in 2006,
20 and newly elected trustees Jesus "Chuy" Avendano, an insurance
21 agent and a former Penitas City Council member, Juan Jose "J. J."
22 Garza, an administrator with the La Joya Housing Authority, and
23 Oscar "Coach" Salinas, who has served as mayor pro tem and city
24 commissioner in Sullivan City; and

1 WHEREAS, Each of these notable Texans demonstrates a truly
2 exemplary commitment to area students and brings a set of skills and
3 experience that contributes immeasurably to the successful
4 operation of the district; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor the members of the La Joya Independent
7 School District Board of Trustees on the occasion of School Board
8 Recognition Month and extend to them sincere appreciation for their
9 outstanding service to the community; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the La Joya Independent School District Board of
12 Trustees as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
13 Representatives.

Munoz, Jr.

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 102

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 102 was adopted by the House on January 14, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House