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H.R. No. 531

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Garland Independent School District was recognized
2 as a Best Community for Music Education by the National Association
3 of Music Merchants Foundation in 2012, the second year in a row it
4 has been so honored; and

5 WHEREAS, The Best Community for Music Education designation
6 acknowledges schools and districts that support access to music
7 education through funding, graduation requirements, and committed
8 instruction time, making music an essential part of a complete
9 education; and

10 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of George Jones, director of
11 the district's Fine Arts Department, Garland ISD continued a long
12 tradition of musical excellence with strong representation in the
13 2013 Texas Music Educators Association All-State bands and
14 choruses; more than 55,000 students from around the state audition
15 for these ensembles, with about 1,500 earning an All-State position
16 and a chance to attend the TMEA Clinic and Convention; 17 Garland
17 ISD students were chosen this year to perform; and

18 WHEREAS, The 2013 Garland ISD All-State students are Kelli
19 Bashaw, Lacie Block, Gabriel Ethridge, Malik Henderson, Lauren
20 Noble, Monica Ogbonnaya, Maddie Smith, Micah Ndiba, David Estrada,
21 Dorien Tate, Christian Cardenas, Cedric Dario, Austin Nix, Carrie
22 Blumhardt, Morgan Daniels, Sam Hundt, and Elizabeth Schutter; they
23 secured places in the 5A All-State Band, All-State Jazz Band,
24 All-State Mixed Choir, and All-State Men's and All-State Women's

1 Choirs; moreover, Austin Nix and Morgan Daniels earned the
2 distinction of having been named All-State members all four years
3 of high school; and

4 WHEREAS, Garland ISD believes that quality arts instruction
5 plays an integral role in children's education, helping youth to
6 develop self-esteem, self-discipline, self-direction, and the
7 ability to work collaboratively with others, and the district is
8 indeed deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the Garland Independent School
11 District on its designation as a Best Community for Music Education
12 by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation and
13 extend to the district's students and teachers sincere best wishes
14 for continued success; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the district as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.