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H.R. No. 562

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The math, science, and technology magnet program of
2 the Garland Independent School District has been named a 2012-2013
3 Apple Distinguished Program; and

4 WHEREAS, The Apple Distinguished Program designation is
5 reserved for schools that are acknowledged centers of educational
6 excellence and leadership; the Garland MST magnet track was one of
7 only 103 programs across the nation and the only elementary school
8 in Texas to earn this prestigious award; and

9 WHEREAS, Housed at the Beaver and Watson Technology Centers,
10 the Garland MST curriculum emphasizes technology and hands-on,
11 project-based learning using iPads, iPods, and MacBooks; teachers
12 act as facilitators rather than lecturers, and students gain
13 experience in research and inquiry, communication and
14 presentation, time management, and self-assessment; and

15 WHEREAS, Under the skilled guidance of principals Jason Adams
16 and Jenny Roberson, the MST campuses have also been rated both
17 Exemplary and Recognized by the Texas Education Agency, designated
18 National Title I Distinguished Schools, and selected for the honor
19 roll of the Texas Business and Education Coalition; and

20 WHEREAS, With its emphasis on technology, flexibility, and
21 self-direction, the Garland MST program is helping students develop
22 vital 21st-century skills, and its selection as an Apple
23 Distinguished Program is a fitting tribute to the district's
24 innovative approach to learning; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate the Garland Independent School
3 District math, science, and technology magnet program on being
4 named a 2012-2013 Apple Distinguished Program and extend to the
5 faculty and students at the Beaver and Watson Technology Centers
6 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the district as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.