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H.R. No. 1533

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud representatives of the La Joya Independent
2 School District are visiting the State Capitol on April 22, 2013;
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4 WHEREAS, A Texas Education Agency "recognized" district, La
5 Joya ISD has experienced rapid growth over the course of the past
6 decade; the district includes 23 elementary schools, 8 middle
7 schools, and 6 high schools; and

8 WHEREAS, Honored with a perfect rating from the No Child Left
9 Behind program, La Joya ISD is committed to improving college
10 readiness and encouraging more students to pursue higher education;
11 in recent years, the district has established two institutions that
12 allow teens to complete associate's degrees; Jimmy Carter Early
13 College High School emphasizes social sciences, while Thelma Rosa
14 Salinas STEM Early College High School focuses on science,
15 technology, engineering, and mathematics; to date, more than 1,000
16 students have taken advantage of dual enrollment opportunities; in
17 addition, the district has partnered with South Texas College to
18 create the STC La Joya Teaching Center, to make STC classes more
19 accessible to the community; and

20 WHEREAS, The district offers a well-rounded curriculum, and
21 its students have distinguished themselves in a variety of
22 disciplines; La Joya ISD can claim one of the few four-year
23 All-State band champions, as well as a first-place winner at the
24 ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair; moreover, the

1 Palmview High School mariachi and folklorico groups were invited to
2 appear in the 2013 inaugural parade in Washington, D.C.; and

3 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of superintendent Dr. Alda
4 Benavides, the district has promoted staff development and
5 emergency readiness; more than 700 employees have earned
6 preparedness certification through the National Incident
7 Management System of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and
8 the district has been awarded funds to create a disaster relief
9 dome; and

10 WHEREAS, The La Joya Independent School District has
11 demonstrated a commitment to excellence that is truly impressive,
12 and the quality education that it provides its students is of
13 benefit not only to them and to the local community but also to the
14 entire Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature hereby commend the La Joya Independent School District
17 for its accomplishments and extend to its faculty, staff, and
18 students sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the district as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.