

By: Guerra

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The board of trustees of the McAllen Independent
2 School District was named the 2012 Outstanding School Board of the
3 Year by the Texas Association of School Administrators; and

4 WHEREAS, This accolade is part of the TASA awards program,
5 which honors school boards that have made notable efforts to
6 improve educational performance; the McAllen ISD trustees earned
7 recognition for their innovative measures to assist students,
8 including an initiative known as Transforming Learning in the
9 Classroom, Campus, and Community; TLC3 is providing all students
10 and teachers in the district with an iPad or iPod Touch in order to
11 promote higher levels of engagement, creativity, and computer
12 literacy, and the program is considered to be the largest of its
13 kind in the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, For its success in integrating technology into the
15 classroom, McAllen ISD also received a 2013 Magna Award from
16 *American School Board Journal*; in addition, the district was
17 inducted in 2011 into the Digital Promise League of Innovative
18 Schools and is a 2013 finalist for an H-E-B Excellence in Education
19 District Award; moreover, in 2012, McAllen ISD was invited to
20 participate in the Texas Education Agency's High Performance
21 Schools Consortium to help develop next-generation learning
22 standards, assessments, and accountability systems; and

23 WHEREAS, Serving on the McAllen school board are president
24 Hilda Garza-DeShazo, vice president Erica de la Garza, secretary

1 Debbie Crane Aliseda, and trustees Dr. Joseph M. Caporusso, Javier
2 Farias, Sam Saldivar, Jr., and Daniel D. Vela; and

3 WHEREAS, Through their commitment to pursuing new avenues of
4 learning, the McAllen ISD trustees are providing students with a
5 rich educational experience that will serve them well in the years
6 ahead, and the school board is indeed deserving of this prestigious
7 award; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the McAllen Independent School
10 District Board of Trustees on being named the 2012 Texas
11 Outstanding School Board of the Year and extend to its members
12 sincere best wishes for continued success with their important
13 work; and, be it further

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