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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Five schools in the Aldine Independent School
2 District, Mendel Elementary, Stehlik Intermediate, Aldine Ninth
3 Grade, Aldine Senior High, and MacArthur Senior High, were among a
4 select group of just 16 schools in the country to receive the 2013
5 National Excellence in Urban Education Award; and

6 WHEREAS, Presented by the National Center for Urban School
7 Transformation, this distinction is bestowed on urban schools that
8 serve a large population of low-income students, adhere to
9 nonselective admissions criteria, and have high attendance;
10 winning schools must feature rigorous curricula, including courses
11 in science, technology, engineering, and math, maintain classroom
12 conditions that prepare students for postgraduate success, and
13 demonstrate academic proficiency across the general student
14 population; and

15 WHEREAS, Schools that meet the specified criteria are
16 evaluated by a team of educators, researchers, and leaders
17 representing award-winning schools from prior years; during a site
18 visit, finalists are judged on curricular rigor, instructional
19 effectiveness, and the quality of the learning environment; and

20 WHEREAS, The exemplary showing of the Aldine Independent
21 School District derives from a mission designed to equip students
22 with critical thinking skills and instill the values of productive
23 and responsible citizenship; through the careful allocation of
24 resources and the involvement of parents in the educational

1 process, the district engenders support throughout the community
2 and encourages exceptional achievements; and

3 WHEREAS, Aldine ISD is an award-winning school district and
4 the recipient of the 2009 Broad Prize for Urban Education and the
5 2008 H-E-B Excellence in Education Award; moreover,
6 representatives of school districts from across the nation and from
7 other countries have visited Aldine ISD to observe the district's
8 approach to instruction, which is based on an alignment of
9 curriculum, assessments, instructional support, and staff
10 development; and

11 WHEREAS, Through commitment and hard work, the
12 administrators, teachers, and students of Aldine ISD have built a
13 noteworthy record of academic accomplishment, and the five
14 institutions selected for this prestigious award are truly
15 deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate the Aldine Independent School
18 District and Mendel Elementary School, Stehlik Intermediate
19 School, Aldine Ninth Grade School, Aldine Senior High School, and
20 MacArthur Senior High School on receiving the 2013 National
21 Excellence in Urban Education Award; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Aldine ISD and each of the schools as an expression of
24 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.