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H.R. No. 3048

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Palacios High School has been named a recipient of a
2 2013 Signature Schools Enterprise Award from the GRAMMY Foundation,
3 becoming one of only six high schools in the nation and the only
4 school in Texas to receive this prestigious honor; and

5 WHEREAS, The GRAMMY Signature Schools Awards were
6 established in 1998 to recognize U.S. public high schools that have
7 demonstrated an outstanding commitment to music education in the
8 course of an academic year; the Enterprise Award is accompanied by a
9 grant of \$5,500 to benefit the school's music programs; and

10 WHEREAS, Among those deserving of acclaim for this
11 achievement are the talented young vocalists of the Palacios High
12 School Choir who have showcased their abilities in numerous musical
13 performances and competitions in the past year; the Chorale has
14 garnered such accolades as the University Interscholastic League
15 Sweepstakes Award in the concert and sight-reading categories, and
16 during the event judging, the Palacios performers received straight
17 superior ratings; many of the students also won UIL awards in solo
18 and ensemble contests, with five members earning the chance to take
19 part in the state event in late May, and others qualified for the
20 Texas Music Educators Association All-Region Choir; in June, the
21 group will have the exciting opportunity to travel to Walt Disney
22 World Resort in Florida to stage a presentation featuring songs
23 from the musical *Les Miserables*; and

24 WHEREAS, The 65-member Palacios High School Choir is led by

1 director Perry Dean, who has guided the program through a period of
2 significant growth and success since joining the school's faculty
3 in 2009; Mr. Dean has been supported in his efforts by assistant
4 choral director and accompanist Cheryl Gray, with vital assistance
5 from school district superintendent Vicki Adams, principals Sherri
6 Seaman, Joe Adams, Carolyn Kubecka, and Buddy Kelley, the dedicated
7 members of the school board, and fine arts staff members Jim Popham,
8 Michael Schurtz, Peggy Halsey, and Keith Garnett; and

9 WHEREAS, The Palacios High School Choir has realized many
10 notable achievements, and the school's recognition in the GRAMMY
11 Enterprise Awards is a further tribute to the ensemble's fine work
12 and the faculty's strength in cultivating musical appreciation and
13 artistry among area students; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate the Palacios High School Choir on
16 the event of the school's receipt of a 2013 GRAMMY Signature Schools
17 Enterprise Award and extend to the staff and students of the program
18 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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