

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 804

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome the residents of south Dallas County, who are gathering in Austin on May 1, 2013, to celebrate DeSoto Independent School District Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, DeSoto Independent School District serves more than 9,000 students in the communities of DeSoto, Glenn Heights, and Ovilla and encompasses seven elementary schools, three middle schools, one high school, a freshman campus, and an alternative education program; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Dr. David Harris heads a staff of accomplished administrators, teachers, and support personnel who are deeply committed to the success of the area's young people; in the 2011-2012 school year alone, their work was honored with 20 Gold Performance Acknowledgments by the Texas Education Agency; and

WHEREAS, Looking to the future, the district has recently expanded its College and Career Academies and developed the Collegiate Magnet Program to offer associate degrees as well as college and industry certifications; and

WHEREAS, DeSoto Independent School District strives to maintain high educational standards while remaining fiscally responsible, twice earning the highest rating from the Office of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for its outstanding financial transparency; additionally, the district has received more than \$1 million in grants to benefit students; and

WHEREAS, DeSoto Independent School District has established a notable record of achievement, and the quality

education that it provides is a credit to the community and to the entire Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby recognize May 1, 2013, as DeSoto Independent School District Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those in attendance sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit to Austin; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the district as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 1, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate