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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Dallas Association for Bilingual Education 2 (DABE) works to enhance the quality of education provided for 3 Dallas area children and to ensure the equality of educational 4 opportunity available to all segments of the community's diverse 5 population; and

6 WHEREAS, Recognizing the special educational needs of 7 schoolchildren with limited English-speaking ability and committed to addressing those needs, concerned members of the Dallas 8 9 education community founded DABE to promote bilingual, multicultural programs of instruction in the Dallas Independent 10 11 School District and other school districts in the North Texas 12 Metroplex area; and

13 WHEREAS, Underlying the programs and methods advocated by the 14 association is the fundamental premise that equality of educational 15 opportunity can be achieved through bilingual education without 16 sacrificing the equally important goal of academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, By promoting bilingual education and multicultural programs for every student, the association hopes not only to provide a quality education for students with limited English proficiency but also to instill in all schoolchildren an appreciation of the contributions made by every group in an ethnically and culturally diverse society; and

23 WHEREAS, Since 1986, DABE has been affiliated with the Texas 24 Association for Bilingual Education and has been active in

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1 statewide efforts to address relevant issues at the state and 2 national levels as well as at the local level; since joining forces 3 with the state organization, the Dallas association has greatly 4 expanded its reach, increasing its ability to serve as an 5 educational resource, to provide training for teachers operating in 6 a bilingual classroom environment, and to take a multifaceted, 7 comprehensive approach in furthering its objectives; and

8 WHEREAS, The 2015 installation of DABE officers provides a 9 fitting opportunity to recognize this fine organization and to 10 commend all involved on their impressive achievements; now, 11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas 13 Legislature hereby honor the Dallas Association for Bilingual 14 Education on its outstanding record of service to the community and 15 its noteworthy dedication to its goal of improving the quality of 16 education provided in this state and congratulate the 2015 DABE 17 officers; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 19 prepared for the association as an expression of high esteem by the 20 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 158 was adopted by the House on February 19, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House