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R E S O L U T I O N

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
8 to addressing those needs, concerned members of the Dallas
9 education community founded DABE to promote bilingual,
10 multicultural programs of instruction in the Dallas Independent
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

17 WHEREAS, By promoting bilingual education and multicultural
18 programs for every student, the association hopes not only to
19 provide a quality education for students with limited English
20 proficiency but also to instill in all schoolchildren an
21 appreciation of the contributions made by every group in an
22 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

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 2016 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 2016 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.