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H.R. No. 541

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Santa Rita Elementary School in San Angelo has been
2 named a 2014 Blue Ribbon School, the highest national designation
3 an educational institution can receive; and

4 WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Schools Program was created by the
5 U.S. Department of Education in 1982; to qualify for nomination,
6 schools must demonstrate academic superiority within their state or
7 show dramatic gains in student performance; and

8 WHEREAS, Part of the San Angelo Independent School District,
9 Santa Rita Elementary is one of only 25 schools in the state to
10 achieve this national distinction for 2014, and it has been
11 previously recognized as a Texas Business and Education Coalition
12 Honor Roll School and a Gold Standard School; and

13 WHEREAS, Santa Rita Elementary first opened in 1927 with a
14 faculty of only six teachers; today, under the astute leadership of
15 principal Kay Scott, the school currently serves more than 300
16 students in kindergarten through fifth grade and offers such
17 worthwhile activities and programs as the Fall Festival, Young
18 Scholars' Week, Math and Science Night, the Student Success
19 Initiative through Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and a mentorship
20 program with the employees of Texas Bank; and

21 WHEREAS, Children are the Lone Star State's most precious
22 resource, and by raising expectations and encouraging success, the
23 faculty and staff at Santa Rita Elementary School are having a
24 positive effect on our next generation of leaders; now, therefore,

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Santa Rita Elementary School on
4 being recognized with the U.S. Department of Education's Blue
5 Ribbon School Award and extend sincere best wishes to the many
6 individuals who contributed to this achievement; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Santa Rita Elementary School as an expression of high
9 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.