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H.R. No. 1414

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives from La Joya ISD are visiting Austin
2 on March 24, 2015, in celebration of La Joya Independent School
3 District Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, A rapidly growing district, La Joya ISD includes 23
5 elementary schools, 8 middle schools, and 6 high schools, as well as
6 the College and Career Center and two academies; the administration
7 has worked tirelessly to improve college readiness and encourage
8 more young people to pursue higher education, and today, students
9 can complete associate's degrees at Jimmy Carter Early College High
10 School and STEM Early College High School; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 94 percent of students graduate with a
12 recommended or distinguished achievement diploma, and the
13 three-year dropout rate is less than three percent; the district,
14 which in 2014 "met standard," the top Texas Education Agency
15 rating, offers a well-rounded curriculum, and in recent years,
16 students have excelled in such areas as band competitions and the
17 ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair; in 2013, the
18 Palmview High School mariachi and folklorico groups were invited to
19 appear in the inaugural parade in Washington, D.C.; and

20 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of superintendent Dr. Alda
21 Benavides, the district has invested significantly in technology,
22 employee and student wellness, safety, and career education;
23 teachers, hourly employees, and administrators all received raises
24 two years in a row, yet property taxes were not increased; and

1 WHEREAS, The education of young Texans is a vital enterprise,
2 and the La Joya Independent School District has demonstrated a
3 strong commitment to providing a challenging and supportive
4 learning environment to prepare its graduates for future success;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize March 24, 2015, as La Joya Independent
8 School District Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
9 delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable
10 stay in Austin.