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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Corpus Christi Independent School District's  
2 Office of Food Services and its director, Jody Houston, have won  
3 well-deserved national recognition from *Food Service Equipment and*  
4 *Supplies* magazine; and

5           WHEREAS, A feature article in the magazine has highlighted  
6 the success of CCISD's Food Services, which operates in the black  
7 while providing a nutritious lunch to nearly 80 percent of the  
8 district's 38,694 students every day; and

9           WHEREAS, Long recognized as one of the most efficient and  
10 financially sound school food-service programs in the nation, the  
11 program relies upon the Gertrude B. Applebaum Food Service Center,  
12 a state-of-the-art central kitchen built in 1997 under the  
13 direction of CCISD's director and assistant superintendent,  
14 Gertrude Applebaum; this 81,000-square-foot facility prepares bulk  
15 meals for all elementary schools and prepackaged meals for schools  
16 without kitchens, and it also packages fruits, vegetables, salads,  
17 sandwiches, and baked goods for all the schools in the district; and

18           WHEREAS, Jody Houston, the current food service director,  
19 started working with the district in 1982 and played a vital role in  
20 the design of the kitchen, which was built without interior walls to  
21 make movement more efficient and to allow the staff to adapt quickly  
22 to changing needs; the center fields two shifts, a day shift for  
23 baking and prepackaging meals and a night shift for bulk satellite  
24 operations; the kitchen also stands ready as the City of Corpus

1 Christi's emergency feeder, in the event of a natural disaster; and

2           WHEREAS, Benefiting from skilled and innovative management,  
3 economies of scale, and the latest in food-service technology, the  
4 CCISD Office of Food Services provides tasty and nutritious meals  
5 to thousands of schoolchildren with impressive speed and  
6 efficiency, while spending its budget wisely; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Jody Houston and the Corpus Christi  
9 ISD Office of Food Services for earning national recognition from  
10 *Food Service Equipment and Supplies* magazine and extend to  
11 Ms. Houston and her staff sincere best wishes for continued success  
12 in their important work; and, be it further

13           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for CCISD's Office of Food Services as an expression of  
15 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.