

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Arlington Independent School District is  
2 celebrating the dedication of Diane Patrick Elementary School in  
3 the fall of 2015; and

4           WHEREAS, Transforming the nature of instruction, this  
5 18-acre campus offers students outdoor and collaborative learning  
6 spaces, a 21st-century media center, a broadcasting studio, and the  
7 first two STEM labs in an Arlington ISD elementary school; and

8           WHEREAS, The opening ceremony provides an ideal opportunity  
9 to recognize the school's namesake, educator and former state  
10 representative Dr. Diane Patrick; a veteran teacher, Dr. Patrick  
11 currently serves on the faculty of the Department of Educational  
12 Leadership and Policy Studies at The University of Texas at  
13 Arlington; she also teaches at Dallas Baptist University, and she  
14 has taught at Texas Christian University as well; and

15           WHEREAS, Early in her career, Dr. Patrick served as an  
16 elementary teacher in the Waco, Richardson, and Birdville  
17 Independent School Districts; she subsequently became director of  
18 educational programs at two psychiatric hospitals; she holds a  
19 bachelor's degree in education from Baylor University and both a  
20 master's degree in elementary education and a doctoral degree in  
21 educational administration from the University of North Texas; and

22           WHEREAS, Dr. Patrick has worked tirelessly in behalf of the  
23 state's students in numerous capacities; following an 11-year  
24 tenure on the Arlington ISD Board of Trustees, during which time she

1 served four years as president, she won election to the Texas State  
2 Board of Education in 1992; she currently serves as a director of  
3 the Arlington ISD Education Foundation and the Texas Education  
4 Reform Foundation, and she has given generously of her expertise to  
5 the Texas Center for Educational Research Advisory Board and the  
6 Consortium of State Organizations of Texas Teacher Educators; and

7       WHEREAS, First elected to the Texas House in 2006,  
8 Dr. Patrick greatly benefited public education through her  
9 accomplishments over the course of four terms in the legislature;  
10 she served as vice chair of the Higher Education Committee, where  
11 she was a champion for UT--Arlington, and she authored numerous  
12 pieces of significant legislation, including the state's first  
13 comprehensive anti-bullying bill and bills providing for  
14 developmental education reform, increased transparency in higher  
15 education, and improved educator preparation; she was regarded by  
16 fellow legislators as one of the foremost experts on public and  
17 higher education in Texas government; and

18       WHEREAS, Dr. Patrick has also committed her time and talents  
19 to advancing a host of worthy causes and organizations within her  
20 community; she is a Junior League Sustainer and a member of the  
21 Downtown Rotary Club, and she has served as county co-chair of the  
22 March of Dimes and as a member of the Children's Advocacy Network  
23 board, the Downtown Arlington Rotary Club, the Junior League of  
24 Arlington, and the Arlington Republican Club; and

25       WHEREAS, Named to the Legislative Honor Roll by the Texas  
26 Parent Teacher Association, Dr. Patrick is the recipient of myriad  
27 other accolades, among them the Lone Star Conservative Leader Award

1 from the Texas Conservative Roundtable, the Excellence in Public  
2 Service Award from the Texas Hospital Association, and the Patient  
3 Advocacy Award from the Texas Dental Association; and

4 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Diane Patrick is supported by  
5 the love and encouragement of her husband, Dr. Ned Patrick; she is  
6 the proud mother of two Arlington ISD graduates, and she recently  
7 celebrated the arrival of her seventh grandchild; and

8 WHEREAS, Diane Patrick has advanced the quality of education  
9 in Arlington and the Lone Star State through her ceaseless  
10 endeavors as an educator and public servant, and the naming of a  
11 school in her honor is truly a fitting tribute; now, therefore, be  
12 it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby recognize Dr. Diane Patrick on the occasion of  
15 the dedication of Diane Patrick Elementary School and extend to her  
16 sincere best wishes for continued success in her important work;  
17 and, be it further

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

Turner of Tarrant

H.R. No. 2555

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2555 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House