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H.R. No. 2936

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hillwood Middle School, in the Keller Independent
2 School District, has been recognized as a 2015 Texas School to Watch
3 by the Texas Middle School Association and the National Forum to
4 Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform; and

5 WHEREAS, The Schools to Watch program was created in 1999 by
6 the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform, an alliance
7 of educators, researchers, national associations, and officers of
8 professional organizations and foundations dedicated to the
9 development and academic success of middle school students; the
10 forum partners with organizations in 19 states to identify
11 high-performing middle schools that have established a record of
12 academic achievement, that respond sensitively to the unique
13 developmental challenges of early adolescence, that provide
14 equitably for their students, and that have created an
15 organizational structure to sustain those accomplishments; and

16 WHEREAS, Hillwood Middle School is one of only 28 schools in
17 Texas to earn this prestigious honor; the school was selected for
18 recognition by teams of education professionals who observed
19 classes, interviewed teachers, administrators, and parents, and
20 reviewed statistical data, lesson quality, and student work; and

21 WHEREAS, Led by principal Kathleen Eckert since 2012,
22 Hillwood Middle School enrolls some 1,100 students in grades seven
23 and eight; in 2014, the school received the highest rating accorded
24 by the Texas Education Agency, as well as distinctions in

1 reading/English language arts, social studies, postsecondary
2 readiness, and Top 25 Percent: Closing Performance Gaps; and

3 WHEREAS, The administrators, teachers, and students of
4 Hillwood Middle School have established a solid record of academic
5 excellence, and their outstanding efforts are indeed worthy of
6 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Hillwood Middle School on being
9 named a 2015 Texas School to Watch by the Texas Middle School
10 Association and the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades
11 Reform and extend to all those associated with the school sincere
12 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Hillwood Middle School as an expression of high regard
15 by the Texas House of Representatives.