R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Austin Middle School has been nominated for a 2017

2 Blue Ribbon School award, one of the most prestigious accolades an

3 elementary or secondary school in the United States can receive;

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5   WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program was created

6 by the U.S. Department of Education in 1982 to recognize campuses

7 that have demonstrated superior academic performance or made

8 notable progress in improving outcomes among economically

9 disadvantaged students; Austin Middle School is one of only 26

10 public schools in Texas to have earned a nomination from the Texas

11 commissioner of education for the 2017 award; and

12   WHEREAS, This campus was designated a science, technology,

13 engineering, and math (STEM) magnet for fifth through eighth grades

14 in 2008; under the able leadership of principal Cathy Van Ness, 94

15 percent of Austin Middle School students have met or exceeded State

16 of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness test standards in all

17 subjects; and

18   WHEREAS, Through dedication, hard work, and perseverance,

19 the teachers and students of Austin Middle School have established

20 a record of scholastic excellence, and their outstanding efforts

21 have been duly recognized with the Blue Ribbon School award

22 nomination; now, therefore, be it

23   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

24 Legislature hereby congratulate Austin Middle School on its

1 nomination for a 2017 U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon

2 School award and extend to its teachers, students, and staff

3 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

4   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

5 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas

6 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 303 was adopted by the House on February 23, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House