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H.R. No. 400

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Margaret Talkington School for Young Women
2 Leaders in Lubbock has been named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon
3 School; and

4 WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program was created
5 by the U.S. Department of Education in 1982 to recognize campuses
6 that have demonstrated overall academic excellence or made notable
7 progress in improving outcomes among disadvantaged students; the
8 Talkington School was one of only 279 public schools nationwide to
9 have earned this impressive honor in 2016; and

10 WHEREAS, Established by the Young Women's Preparatory
11 Network in 2008, the school currently serves more than 400 students
12 in 6th through 12th grades in the Lubbock Independent School
13 District; ably led by principal Berta Fogerson, the school's
14 outstanding faculty and staff work tirelessly to foster a
15 tight-knit community and to promote high academic expectations;
16 initiatives such as the Big Sister, Little Sister mentoring program
17 create a comfortable, nurturing environment, while the curriculum
18 emphasizes college readiness with a focus on Advanced Placement
19 courses; and

20 WHEREAS, Through their dedication and commitment to
21 excellence, the students, teachers, and administrators of the
22 Margaret Talkington School for Young Women Leaders have built an
23 impressive record of scholastic achievement, and they may take
24 great pride in receiving the Blue Ribbon designation; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate the Margaret Talkington School for
4 Young Women Leaders on its selection as a 2016 National Blue Ribbon
5 School and extend to all those associated with the institution
6 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.