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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 20 years, the Department of Public Safety Mentor
2 Program at Reilly Elementary School in Austin has been making a
3 positive difference in the lives of young Texans; and

4 WHEREAS, Pioneered during the 1997-1998 school year, this
5 inspiring program pairs students at Reilly Elementary with DPS
6 employees, who eat lunch and spend time with the children on a
7 weekly basis; during its first year, 10 DPS employees participated
8 in the initiative, and today more than 100 mentors volunteer their
9 time; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to serving as role models, these caring
11 men and women also host an annual year-end party for the students
12 and organize fund-raising events to support field trips and provide
13 school supplies, winter coats, and holiday gifts for those in need;
14 in recognition of its notable efforts, the program was awarded the
15 2014 Business Partner of the Year honor by Austin Partners in
16 Education; and

17 WHEREAS, The participants of the DPS Mentor Program at Reilly
18 Elementary have demonstrated a strong commitment to improving the
19 quality of life in their community, and their willingness to give of
20 their time and talents sets an outstanding example of civic
21 engagement; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
23 Legislature hereby commemorate the 20th anniversary of the
24 Department of Public Safety Mentor Program at Reilly Elementary

1 School in Austin and extend to all those associated with the program
2 sincere best wishes for continued success with their important
3 work; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the department as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.