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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Nine dedicated mothers and fathers graduated from
2 the Parent University program at Manuel Jara Elementary School in
3 Fort Worth on January 23, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Designed to help build stronger families, the
5 initiative aims to equip parents with the tools, skills, and
6 confidence to raise healthy, caring, and responsible children;
7 furthermore, it provides them with a support group in the school
8 community and allows them to further their own education; and

9 WHEREAS, The four-year program was established at Manuel Jara
10 Elementary by Principal Marta Plata, and it begins with a 13-week
11 study of the Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets for
12 Adolescents, a curriculum outlining the building blocks for healthy
13 childhood development; over the course of the subsequent three
14 years, participants receive hands-on practice in applying the
15 methods they've learned, are given the opportunity to pursue
16 continuing education by enrolling at a local community college, and
17 help to train incoming Parent University participants; and

18 WHEREAS, The exceptional individuals who have successfully
19 completed all four years of the program are Rosa Martinez,
20 Francisco Perez, Luz Vallejo, Margarita Hernandez, Arturo Urbina,
21 Anna Urbina, Erminia Moreno, Cynthia Shannon, and Billy Black; and

22 WHEREAS, These parents have demonstrated an inspiring
23 commitment to the success of their children, and in doing so, they
24 have helped to ensure a future bright with promise for the Lone Star

1 State; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commend the graduates of Parent University at
4 Manuel Jara Elementary School and extend to them sincere best
5 wishes for the future; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
7 for the graduates as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
8 of Representatives.