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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Southside Elementary School in the Angleton  
2 Independent School District has been designated as a 2019 State  
3 School of Character by Character.org; and

4           WHEREAS, Each year, Character.org recognizes schools and  
5 districts at the state level that have implemented  
6 character-building initiatives that positively influence student  
7 behavior, academic achievement, and the overall campus  
8 environment; and

9           WHEREAS, The criteria for the honor are based on  
10 Character.org's 11 Principles of Effective Character Education,  
11 which include fostering a culture of kindness, promoting shared  
12 leadership, and engaging families and communities as partners in  
13 these efforts; and

14           WHEREAS, Southside Elementary is one of only 87 schools from  
15 across the nation to be chosen as a State School of Character, and  
16 one of only 15 in Texas; it was recognized as a National School of  
17 Character in 2014, and it is the only such campus in the Lone Star  
18 State to be eligible for national recertification this year; and

19           WHEREAS, While all 360 students and 40 members of the faculty  
20 and staff at Southside may take credit for the successful  
21 implementation of the school's character initiatives, the  
22 Character Crew is deserving of commendation for compiling the  
23 information for the application; made up of teachers from each  
24 grade level as well as special area teachers and school

1 administrators, the group includes Sharon Messec, Karen Pointer,  
2 Matt Rife, Rae Lyn Hightower, Rich Hamm, Jerri Lynn McNeill, Ashley  
3 Holder, Windy Winters, Lee Ann Wiseman, Kim Mizumoto, Justin  
4 Collard, and Andrea Rubio; and

5 WHEREAS, Character education plays an integral part in the  
6 development of children into the responsible citizens and ethical  
7 leaders of tomorrow, and Southside Elementary School has  
8 established itself as a model for success in this vital endeavor;  
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Southside Elementary School on its  
12 designation as a 2019 State School of Character by Character.org  
13 and extend to its students, faculty, and staff sincere best wishes  
14 for the future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
17 House of Representatives.