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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Porter Elementary School in Mesquite has been nominated for a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School award, one of the most prestigious accolades an elementary or secondary school in the United States can receive; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program was created by the U.S. Department of Education in 1982 to recognize campuses that have demonstrated superior academic performance or made notable progress in improving outcomes among economically disadvantaged students; Porter Elementary is one of only 26 public schools in Texas to have earned a nomination for the 2021 award; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of principal Becky Rasco, Porter Elementary was selected in the exemplary achievement-gap-closing schools category as a result of student performance on the 2020 STAAR assessments; part of the Mesquite Independent School District, the campus has also been honored with two "A" ratings from the Texas Education Agency: for accountability and for closing the achievement gap; and

WHEREAS, Through dedication, hard work, and perseverance, the teachers and students of Porter Elementary School have established a record of scholastic excellence, and their outstanding efforts have been duly recognized with the Blue Ribbon School award nomination; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Porter Elementary School on its nomination for a 2021 U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School award and extend to its teachers, students, and staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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