By: Johnson of Dallas

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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Early College High School in Farmers Branch has been 2 named a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School, one of the most 3 prestigious designations an elementary or secondary school in the 4 United States can receive; and

5 WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program was created 6 by the U.S. Department of Education in 1982 to recognize campuses 7 that have demonstrated superior academic performance or made 8 notable progress in improving outcomes among economically 9 disadvantaged students; Early College High was one of only 367 10 public and private schools nationwide and 28 schools in Texas to 11 have earned this impressive honor in 2020; and

12 WHEREAS, Early College High School, which is housed on Dallas College's Brookhaven Campus, enrolls approximately 340 students in 13 14 grades 9 through 12; as part of the Texas High School Project, ECHS students have the opportunity to earn an associate degree from 15 16 Dallas College while working toward their high school diploma; last year, over 80 percent of the school's graduating class received an 17 associate of arts or science degree, and graduating seniors were 18 awarded a collective sum of more than \$8 million in scholarship 19 20 funds; moreover, ECHS was previously named a National Blue Ribbon 21 School in 2014; and

22 WHEREAS, Through hard work and perseverance, the teachers and 23 students of Early College High School have established a record of 24 scholastic excellence, and their outstanding efforts have been duly

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recognized with the Blue Ribbon School award; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Early College High School in Farmers Branch on its selection as a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education and extend to all those involved with the school sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 9 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas 10 House of Representatives.