

By: Turner of Dallas

H.R. No. 1386

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Walnut Hill Elementary School in Dallas was named a  
2 2019 National Blue Ribbon School, one of the most prestigious  
3 designations an elementary or secondary school in the United States  
4 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; Walnut Hill Elementary was one of only 362  
10 public and private schools nationwide and 27 schools in Texas to  
11 have earned this impressive honor in 2019; and

12 WHEREAS, Selected as an exemplary high-performing school,  
13 Walnut Hill Elementary became the first neighborhood elementary  
14 school in the Dallas Independent School District to receive two  
15 Blue Ribbon awards in that category, having previously won in 1999;  
16 the campus has also earned a number of other accolades over the  
17 years, including a National Excellence in Urban Education Award and  
18 a Distinguished School of Character Award; ably led by principal  
19 Phillip Potter, the school serves approximately 400 students in  
20 prekindergarten through sixth grade; and

21 WHEREAS, Through hard work and perseverance, the teachers and  
22 students of Walnut Hill Elementary have established a record of  
23 scholastic excellence, and their outstanding efforts have been duly  
24 recognized with the Blue Ribbon School award; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Walnut Hill Elementary School on  
3 its selection as a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S.  
4 Department of Education and extend to all those involved with the  
5 campus sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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