## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 168

WHEREAS, Clendenin Elementary School in El Paso 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; Clendenin 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 Martha Martinez, Clendenin Elementary was selected in the exemplary achievement-gap-closing school category as a result of student performance on the 2020 STAAR assessments; it joins three other campuses in the El Paso Independent School District as a 2021 nominee; and

WHEREAS, Through dedication, hard work, and perseverance, the teachers and students of Clendenin Elementary 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 Senate of the State of Texas, 87th

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby congratulate Clendenin Elementary on its nomination for a 2021 U.S. Department of Education National 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 from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 22, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate