

Resolution in honor of the McAllen Independent School District for receiving the H-E-B Excellence In Education Award for Best Large School District

Whereas the McAllen Independent School District is a closely knit community that strongly emphasizes the value of providing a great education to students of all backgrounds and abilities. The District encompasses 33 square miles, has a student enrollment of approximately 20,500 students, employs approximately 3,600 personnel, offers 5 high schools, 18 elementary schools, six middle schools and 1 disciplinary campus; and

Whereas since its inception in 2002, the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards are designed to honor outstanding public school professionals and districts to thank them for their dedication and commitment to education; and

Whereas in January of 2022, McAllen ISD was named one out of five finalists for the Best Large School District of The Year through the Excellence in Education Awards program. With the distinction of becoming a finalist, the District received a \$5,000.00 grant with the opportunity to compete for even greater cash prizes at the statewide level. McAllen ISD is the only school district in the Rio Grande Valley to have become a finalist in the Best Large School District category; and

Whereas a total of \$430,000.000 in cash prizes and grants were awarded to outstanding educators and school districts at the retailer's 20th Annual Excellence in Education Awards ceremony held on April 30, 2022 at the Fairmont Hotel in Austin, Texas; and

Whereas the School District of the year accolade is an honor designed to recognize school districts and is based on the following criteria: 1) Commitment to student achievement through innovative programs, 2) Parent/Community involvement and 3) Professional development opportunities for teachers and administrators; and

Whereas on April 30, 2022, after worthy competition from all district finalists, the McAllen Independent School District prevailed and was named as our 2022 H-E-B Excellence In Education Best Large School District in the entire Lone Star State. With this accolade, the McAllen Independent School District was awarded a \$100,000.00 grant from the grocery retailer.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes the McAllen Independent School District for receiving the H-E-B Excellence In Education Award for Best Large School District in the great State of Texas. Let it be further resolved that the McAllen Independent School District be applauded for their outstanding dedication and commitment to the students, parents and community of McAllen and the County of Hidalgo.

Approved this 17th day of May, 2022.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk