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GUILLEN COMMENDS FJ SCOTT ELEMENTARY FOR BLUE RIBBON

Austin – On Wednesday, February 3, 2016, State Representative Guillen (D – District 31) filed a resolution in honor of FJ Scott Elementary School's being recognized as an Exemplary High Performing School by the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program. Guillen will dedicate the resolution at a ceremony being held in Roma to celebrate the accolade.

"The National Blue Ribbon honor is a testimony to the strong leadership of Principal Salinas and the incredible work and commitment to education on the part of all teachers and faculty at FJ Scott," said Guillen.

In 2015, US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan recognized 285 public schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Administered by the US Dept. of Education, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program selects public and private elementary, middle, and high schools who have an economically disadvantage population of 25 percent or greater, as well as a high academic performance measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.

FJ Scott Elementary is one of 26 schools in Texas and only one of 3 in the Rio Grande Valley to receive the honor. Operating under the leadership of principal Diana A. Salinas, the school houses 609 students ranging from grades prekindergarten to fifth.

The Exemplary High Performing School designation indicates the school is among the state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. The designation also means that student performance is also at the highest level.