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The biggest challenge of education is also one of its greatest strengths. During a time when state and national mandates rightly place more emphasis than ever on setting the bar high for education, it remains important for each community to retain control of its own educational system.

Balancing the need for local control with directives coming down from larger governmental bodies is neither an easy nor oftentimes appreciated task, but for over two centuries, school boards have risen to such challenges. Complicating matters further are issues such as the rapidly-expanding role of technology in the classroom, the challenge to keep our children both educated and physically active, and — as always — the difficulties inherent in dealing with budgetary priorities.

The people who make up these boards are uncompensated and, all too often, unsung for their efforts. These people volunteer their time because they care; they care about their communities, they care about their schools and, most importantly, they care about the children.

Each year, the Texas Association of School Boards designates January as School Board Recognition Month, to emphasize to all of us the importance of the services these dedicated men and women provide to the schools and children of Texas.

At this time, I urge all Texans to recognize the invaluable contributions realized through the work of our school boards.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 2009,

School Board Recognition Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
7th day of November, 2008.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas