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The biggest challenges facing the education system can also be among its greatest strengths. For example, 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 a difficult and oftentimes unappreciated task, but for over two centuries, American school boards have risen to such challenges. School boards also deal with issues such as the rapidly expanding role of technology in the classroom, the challenge to keep our children both well-educated and physically active, and — as always the difficulties inherent in dealing with budgetary priorities.

The people who make up these boards volunteer their time because they care about their communities and their schools. Each year, the Texas Association of School Boards designates January as School Board Recognition Month, to emphasize the importance of the services these dedicated men and women provide to the schools and students 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 2011 to be

School Board Recognition Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
19th day of November, 2010.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas