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**TISD BOARD ELECTS NEW BOARD OFFICERS, APPROVES LIFT PETITION
AND RECOGNIZES PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR**

Texarkana, TX – Newly re-elected Trustees were administered the oath of office and board officers elected during the Tuesday, May 15, 2012 regular session of the Texarkana Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Bill Kimbro (District 1) and Paul Miller (District 6 At-Large) were re-elected to serve three-year terms for their respective areas during the May 12, 2012 Trustee Election. Mr. Kimbro joined the TISD Board of Trustees in October 2008 as an appointment and was elected to serve in May 2009. Mr. Miller was appointed to the Board in September 2009 and elected in May 2010 to fulfill the remainder of a two-year term previously held by Greg Pulido.

Additionally, Board members elected new officers for the 2012-13 school year. Wanda Boyette (District 3) will continue to lead as President with Paul Miller serving as Vice-President and Bill Kimbro as Secretary.

“This dynamic group of officers brings a proven record in strong governance and dedication to TISD,” shared Paul Norton, Superintendent of Schools. “Each is committed to our mission of providing an exceptional education to all learners through a variety of educational opportunities and involvement that allow for the development of a well-rounded educational experience. I look forward to continuing our work together and taking TISD to greater heights.”

In other business, Board of Trustees approved the support of the LIFT (Leadership Initiative for Texarkana) Program resolution which has been developed by Leadership Texarkana. LIFT is requesting that all elected city officials on both sides of the state line coordinate efficiently and cooperate generously in order for the twin-city communities to reach their full potential.

“I am pleased that our members have agreed to support this important petition,” commented Wanda Boyette, Board President. “TISD takes great pride in working collaboratively with our communities in order to reach a common purpose. We will continue to do so and hope that others will join the LIFT effort so that we can become a second to none twin-city.”

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The TISD Board also took the opportunity to recognize Texas High School Senior, Emily Hoover, who was recently named a 2012 U.S. Presidential Scholar. Hoover is one of 141 outstanding American high school seniors that have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, artistic excellence, leadership, citizenship, service and contribution to school and community. She will be honored for her accomplishments in Washington, D.C. on June 16-19.

“Honoring Presidential Scholars is an important celebration of students showcasing the dedication, creativity and ambition to become future leaders,” said Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education. “As national, state and local leaders work side by side with principals, teachers and parents to make our schools better, we can learn from the students all around us whose hard work and accomplishments embody the kind of excellence we want every child to achieve.”

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, appointed by President Obama, selects honored scholars annually. Of the three million students expected to graduate from high school this year, more than 3,300 candidates qualified for the 2012 awards determined by outstanding performance on the College Board SAT and ACT exams, and through nominations made by Chief State School Officers or the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts nationwide YoungArts competition.

The 2012 Presidential Scholars are comprised of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and from U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large and 20 Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

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