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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **COUNTY JUDGE EMMETT TO PRESENT GRANT TO PASADENA MIDDLE SCHOOL ON FRIDAY**

*“Do The Write Thing Challenge” Gives \$22,000 To The Challenger School*

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett will award a \$22,114 Houston/Harris County “Do The Write Thing Challenge” grant to the Pasadena Independent School District’s Challenger School on Friday morning to implement its CARE (Civic Awareness Responsibility Education) after-school program. Emmett will be joined by Pasadena ISD officials, teachers and students at a celebratory pep rally at the school at 8:30 a.m.

The grant will be used to provide programs for at-risk middle school students. The after-school initiative will focus on extracurricular community service projects in such areas as journalism, science, art and music.

“We can expect good things when we provide our children the best opportunities to learn and have fun,” said Emmett. “We can expect the worst when we do not. Programs like CARE are needed to spark the interest in a child’s mind that we hope grows to a full intellectual curiosity.”

The Challenger School is an alternative education school that provides students a flexible educational setting allowing for social development in a non-traditional environment. The school is at 11111 Beamer Road on the northwest side of the former Dobie High School campus next to Beverly Hills Intermediate School.