



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Congressman Ted Poe recently presented the students and staff at Sterling High School with a trophy for collecting the most Christmas cards for U.S. troops in Poe's congressional district.



## Goose Creek CISD schools honored for sending Christmas cards to troops

The program is called "Christmas Cards for Our Troops." Its mission: to put smiles on the faces of as many of our U.S. troops from Texas as possible.

And no school district in U.S. Rep. Ted Poe's 2nd U.S. Congressional District accomplished that mission better than Goose Creek CISD.

"I want to thank all those who made this year special for our troops – it means the world to them," Poe said. "It's a job well done."

On Monday, Dec. 12, Congressman Ted Poe presented three trophies to the top "Christmas Cards for Our Troops" schools — Sterling, Horace Mann and Alamo.

For the second year, Ross S. Sterling earned first place for high schools by collected/creating 5,184 cards for the troops.

Horace Mann Junior School won the junior school title by collecting 6,861 cards.

Alamo Elementary School, in their first year to collect cards for the troops, was tops among elementary schools with 2,252 cards.

"The troops appreciate your hard work like you appreciate their hard work," Poe told the student body at Alamo.

And for the third year in a row, the staff and students at Highlands Elementary won the "Most Creative" award in the program. A trophy presentation for Highlands Elementary will be done at a later date.

The 25,161 Christmas cards collected by the school district, far and away the most of any school district's in Poe's congressional district that stretches east from northern Harris County, through Liberty County, and encompasses all of Jefferson County to the southeast Texas border.

The congressman said that it is something to see a rough and tough soldier tear up when he reads a card made out of construction paper from a child at home. He also remarked that there is no way anyone else could ever touch the numbers collected by students in the Baytown and Highlands area.

More than 25,000 cards, more than doubles last year's total of 10,000 plus.

"The response to this project has been overwhelming," said Poe. "I would like to give a special thanks to all those that took time to remember our troops and recognize the sacrifices this Christmas."

Michelle Bitterly of Awards & Engraving donated the trophies given to the schools.

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