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**Elementary Students Earn More Than Good Grades for Academic Achievement**

*Reliant Energy sends 45 students to RodeoHouston™ Jonas Brothers concert*

HOUSTON – Academic excellence and outstanding citizenship earned 45 Houston area elementary school students premium tickets to the March 7 Jonas Brothers concert at RodeoHouston.

“No matter what you do in life, you’ll need an education to do it,” said Tom Gros, senior vice president, Reliant Energy. “Recognition like this encourages excellence and long-term interest in education and academic achievement. We’re proud to recognize these students, and their teachers and parents for what they do to help these great kids reach their full potential.”

Principals, teachers and parents nominated students in one of three areas - (1) academic achievement, (2) most improved and (3) outstanding citizenship. Each deserving student was entered in Reliant’s Jonas Brothers sweepstakes Feb 8-28. Eight hundred students from 25 Houston area school districts were nominated.

As a long-time supporter of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo’s™ youth and education programs, Reliant has helped contribute to the more than \$250 million committed to the education of Texas students through the HLSR.

Through its sponsorship of Reliant Park, Reliant Energy - a RodeoHouston™ heritage partner this year - was instrumental in helping Reliant Park become the permanent home of the HLSR.

**About Reliant Energy:**

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**Note to editors:**

See attached document for a complete list of students who were awarded Jonas Brothers concert tickets.