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H.R. No. 143

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Presbyterian Day School in Victoria is marking the
2 75th anniversary of its founding during its homecoming celebration
3 on October 24, 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, One of the state's oldest accredited private day
5 schools, Presbyterian Day School welcomed its first 48 students on
6 September 9, 1946; it initially offered one first-grade class and
7 two preschool classes in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian
8 Church in downtown Victoria, and it received accreditation the
9 following year; and

10 WHEREAS, Founding principal and first-grade teacher Lucy
11 Mackrell ably led the school until 1957, and she introduced such
12 popular traditions as the formal Silver Tea fundraiser and the
13 playful May Fete; until her passing in 1995, she continued to
14 support the school's mission, even returning in an interim capacity
15 on occasion; and

16 WHEREAS, The school moved to its current Navarro Street
17 location in 1966; for a time, it offered instruction through the
18 fourth grade, but it came to focus on children from 18 months
19 through kindergarten; it is operated by First Presbyterian Church
20 of Victoria, and while not a parochial school, it provides students
21 with a functional understanding of religious principles; cherished
22 traditions have evolved, and in addition to the Silver Coffee & Tea
23 luncheon and Spring Festival, the school's many annual events now
24 include an ice cream social, Halloween parade, Thanksgiving feast,

1 Christmas program, school-wide picnic, and Splash Day; and

2 WHEREAS, For seven and a half decades, Presbyterian Day
3 School has effectively addressed the educational needs of Victoria
4 families, offering a nurturing environment to prepare young
5 children for continued academic success; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Presbyterian
8 Day School on its 75th anniversary and extend to all those
9 associated with the school sincere best wishes for the future; and,
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.