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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joel C. Harris Middle School in the San Antonio
2 Independent School District is celebrating its 100th anniversary in
3 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, Named for American journalist, fiction writer, and
5 folklorist Joel Chandler Harris, the campus was first established
6 as Joel Chandler Harris Junior School; it began operating in
7 September 1923, though classes were initially held at a nearby
8 elementary campus until construction was completed two months later
9 on the new six-classroom building; and

10 WHEREAS, The school experienced a period of significant
11 growth during the 1940s and 1950s, and following a major renovation
12 project in the early 2000s, its campus more than doubled in size;
13 the renovations added numerous classrooms, two gyms, and a football
14 and soccer field, as well as a larger library and cafeteria;
15 moreover, the former gym was converted to a fine arts building; the
16 newly renovated campus was dedicated in October 2004, and further
17 upgrades, including the addition of a STEM lab, were completed in
18 2016; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, Joel C. Harris Middle School is an
20 International Baccalaureate school that provides students in
21 grades six through eight with a challenging educational program and
22 a broad range of extracurricular activities; the campus benefits
23 from the outstanding efforts of its faculty and staff and the able
24 leadership of its current principal, John Hilliard; and

1 WHEREAS, For the past century, Joel C. Harris Middle School
2 has provided its students with a strong educational foundation on
3 which to build, and it has made a positive and lasting difference in
4 the lives of generations of San Antonio residents; now, therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd
7 Called Session, hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of Joel C.
8 Harris Middle School and extend to all those associated with the
9 campus sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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