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H.R. No. 361

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Houston Independent School District is marking
2 the 100th anniversary of its founding in 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, A free secondary school system was created in the
4 area in 1877, and it became the Houston Independent School District
5 in 1923; the district expanded its reach four years later, founding
6 a community college which subsequently became the University of
7 Houston; it also established one of the nation's first high schools
8 for health professions; and

9 WHEREAS, Today, Houston ISD serves nearly 190,000 students at
10 274 campuses; it is the largest school district in Texas and the
11 eighth largest in the nation, and it has taken in students from
12 other areas over the years, including those displaced by Hurricane
13 Katrina; the district offers 128 magnet programs focused on
14 science, college and career, fine arts, and language immersion; in
15 recognition of its substantial gains in student achievement, it won
16 the Broad Prize for Urban Education in 2002 and 2013; and

17 WHEREAS, Houston ISD benefits from the able leadership of its
18 board of directors and its current superintendent, Dr. Rod Paige;
19 with 27,000 employees, the district is one of the largest employers
20 in Houston; and

21 WHEREAS, For the past century, Houston ISD has provided
22 generations of young Texans with a strong foundation on which to
23 build, and it is indeed a privilege to join in marking this
24 important milestone in its rich history; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Houston
3 Independent School District and extend to all those associated with
4 the district sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Houston ISD as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.