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H.R. No. 57

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On August 18, 2003, the Leander Independent School
2 District (ISD) is dedicating a new elementary school named for
3 Patricia Faye Knowles, an esteemed teacher and administrator, and
4 this event provides an ideal opportunity to reflect on her
5 outstanding achievements; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles attained her bachelor's degree from The
7 University of Texas and her master's degree from the University of
8 Houston and her exceptional teaching career includes seven years
9 with the Houston ISD and two years at a correctional facility in
10 Sugarland; and

11 WHEREAS, She later began a long and productive association
12 with the Leander ISD, first as a classroom teacher for 13 years,
13 then as a member of the district's board of trustees for nine years,
14 and throughout that time she has remained committed to providing
15 the best possible education to all the students in her charge; and

16 WHEREAS, Among her many successes at the Leander ISD are the
17 creation of the "Johnny Can Spell" program and the implementation
18 of Spanish instruction at the elementary-school level; Ms. Knowles
19 has also been a tireless champion of the performing arts,
20 encouraging students to broaden their educational experience
21 through participation in the arts, and she has attended numerous
22 plays, concerts, and other performances through the years with the
23 enthusiasm and pride of a grandmother; and

24 WHEREAS, In addition, she has devoted herself to serving her

1 fellow citizens as a member of the Cedar Park Public Library Board,
2 is an active congregant at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and has
3 taken an active role in the political process over the past 15 years
4 as a Republican precinct chair; and

5 WHEREAS, This remarkable Texan's accomplishments as a
6 teacher, administrator, and civic leader are an inspiration to all
7 who have the pleasure of knowing her, and it is indeed appropriate
8 that she be honored with this lasting symbol of appreciation for her
9 many significant contributions to the community; now, therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Patricia Faye
13 Knowles on the occasion of the dedication of an elementary school in
14 her name; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Ms. Knowles as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.