By: Seaman H.R. No. 168

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The opening of Jack and Sharon Rhoads Elementary
School is ushering in an exciting new era of educational

opportunity for students in the Katy Independent School District;

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5 WHEREAS, This impressive new facility, located at 19711 Clay

6 Road, has been named in honor of a beloved husband and wife team of

educators who made a lasting impact on generations of Katy youth;

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9 WHEREAS, The late Jack Rhoads, a 1958 graduate of Katy High

School, served as head football coach and athletic director at his

alma mater and as the district's first athletic director over the

course of a career that spanned 27 years; during his impressive

tenure, he led the football and tennis teams to multiple state

championships, saw the district grow from a small 2A high school to

three 5A schools, added subvarsity sports to high schools, began

offering tennis and golf in junior high schools, and established an

17 active summer recreation program; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Rhoads began teaching in Katy in 1972 and was

adored by her students for bringing art to life with her colorful

tales, wonderful costumes, and original shows; she also established

Family Art Night at Hutsell Elementary School, an event that drew as

22 many as 800 participants; and

23 WHEREAS, Residents of Katy may look forward to the diverse

instructional education programs and enrichment activities of Jack

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- 1 and Sharon Rhoads Elementary School, as their implementation will
- 2 surely enhance the learning experience of every student, in keeping
- 3 with the example set by the school's remarkable namesakes; now,
- 4 therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 6 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the opening of
- 7 Jack and Sharon Rhoads Elementary School and commend all those
- 8 associated with the school for their commitment to academic
- 9 excellence; 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 House of Representatives.