

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The opening of Roberta Wright Rylander Elementary  
2 School at 24831 Westheimer Parkway is ushering in an exciting new  
3 era of educational opportunity for students in the Katy Independent  
4 School District; and

5           WHEREAS, The school is named for a noted local historian and  
6 daughter of one of Katy's founding families; Ms. Rylander served as  
7 the first president of the Katy Historical Society, was a founder of  
8 the Wright Museum in Old Town Katy, and wrote *Applauding the Past*,  
9 an illustrated history of the area; and

10           WHEREAS, The 1936 salutatorian of Katy High School and alumna  
11 of The University of Texas, from which she earned a bachelor's  
12 degree in pharmacy, Ms. Rylander is one of the original  
13 storytellers who has shared local history with students enrolled at  
14 Katy Elementary School; further, she is a past president of the  
15 school's PTA and helped buy the first spotlight for its auditorium;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, Her grandfather created one of the first single-room  
18 schools on his farm, while her father, John Henry Wright, founded  
19 the town pharmacy and with his partner, Dr. J. M. Stewart, was  
20 instrumental in building Katy's initial phone lines; her mother,  
21 Pauline Schlipf Wright, was a PTA volunteer who cooked lunches at  
22 home and delivered them to the schoolchildren; and

23           WHEREAS, Residents of Katy may take pride in the school's  
24 diverse instructional programs and enrichment activities, which

1 are being implemented to enhance the learning experience of all of  
2 the school's students; and

3 WHEREAS, The staff of Roberta Wright Rylander Elementary  
4 School is dedicating itself to the total education of its students,  
5 helping to develop tomorrow's leaders, and the school represents a  
6 significant new addition to the state's public school system; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the opening of  
10 the Roberta Wright Rylander Elementary School and commend all those  
11 associated with the school for their commitment to academic  
12 excellence.

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H.R. No. 205

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 205 was adopted by the House on  
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Chief Clerk of the House