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H.R. No. 205

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.