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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On January 23, 2004, the students, faculty, and  
2 staff of Westwood Elementary School in Houston celebrated the  
3 school's 40th anniversary; and

4           WHEREAS, Opened in 1963, Westwood has undergone several  
5 renovations in order to accommodate its growing student body; its  
6 most recent and most substantial renovation and expansion project  
7 is adding more than 17,000 square feet of instructional space to the  
8 facilities, including a new library, a gymnasium, five kindergarten  
9 classrooms, art, music, and special education classrooms, small  
10 group instruction areas, and a multipurpose room; and

11           WHEREAS, Part of the Spring Branch Independent School  
12 District, Westwood currently serves more than 500 students, while  
13 its staff includes 31 teachers and 30 support staff members;  
14 Westwood students have benefited greatly from their proximity to  
15 Spring Woods High School and Spring Oaks Middle School; students  
16 from those two schools volunteer as tutors and provide other  
17 enriching learning experiences for Westwood students through such  
18 extracurricular activities as band and choir concerts, musicals,  
19 and plays; and

20           WHEREAS, Over the years, Westwood Elementary has thrived  
21 under the leadership of four principals--Elise Tapp, Alton Frailey,  
22 Claudia Iselt, and Cheryl Glasser, who has served as principal  
23 since 1999; Ms. Glasser and her father, David Durand, have written a  
24 new school song entitled "We Are Westwood"; together with its

1 school colors of red and white, Westwood Elementary boasts a  
2 fitting motto, "The Future Begins with Us"; and

3 WHEREAS, The January 23 anniversary celebration also  
4 included the formal dedication of several new facilities, which  
5 have been named in honor of three very significant individuals in  
6 the school's history: the Margaret Rife Reading Garden in the  
7 library recognizes Ms. Rife for 32 years of service as a fifth-grade  
8 teacher; the Kassie Collins Outdoor Learning Center pays tribute to  
9 Ms. Collins for 30 years of service as a first-grade teacher; and  
10 the Agnus Moffitt Memorial Garden commemorates Ms. Moffitt, who was  
11 killed while on duty in 1992, for her dedicated service as a school  
12 crossing guard; and

13 WHEREAS, Westwood Elementary School is truly a valued part of  
14 the Texas public education system, and all those associated with  
15 this fine institution, past and present, can take great pride in its  
16 outstanding achievements; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
18 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Westwood  
19 Elementary School on four decades of excellence in education and  
20 extend to the students, faculty, and staff sincere best wishes for  
21 continued success; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Westwood Elementary School as an expression of high  
24 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.