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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud graduates of Jefferson Davis Senior High
2 School gathered in Houston on November 2, 2002, to celebrate the
3 school's 75th anniversary and the dedication of its new library,
4 cafeteria, and technology complex; and

5 WHEREAS, The school's rich history can be traced back to
6 1927, when 33 students received diplomas at its first commencement;
7 three-quarters of a century later, Jefferson Davis Senior High
8 School continues to provide a quality education to its students,
9 and its Class of 2003 numbers more than 300 young men and women,
10 many of whom carry on a family tradition as Fighting Panthers; and

11 WHEREAS, The school served as the initial site for Project
12 GRAD U.S.A., a highly regarded program being embraced by schools
13 nationwide that tracks students' academic enrichment throughout
14 their public education career; in addition to offering an array of
15 classes and extracurricular opportunities, the campus serves as a
16 magnet school for training in hotel and restaurant management and
17 travel; and

18 WHEREAS, Through the years, distinguished alumni of
19 Jefferson Davis Senior High School have gone on to successful
20 careers in such diverse fields as medicine, law, education,
21 entertainment, engineering, art, and architecture; the school has
22 developed numerous public servants as well who have shared their
23 time and talents as members of school boards, city councils, the
24 state legislature, the Supreme Court of Texas, and the United

1 States Congress; and

2 WHEREAS, Many Fighting Panthers have distinguished
3 themselves as members of this nation's armed forces; the school has
4 also produced a number of athletes who have achieved All-American
5 status and two world-class boxing champions, Olympic medal winners
6 Jesse Valdez and Rocky Juarez; and

7 WHEREAS, Since its founding, Jefferson Davis Senior High
8 School has effectively addressed the educational needs of the
9 community it serves, and with the addition of its beautiful new
10 facilities, the school will continue to positively affect the lives
11 of countless young Texans for many years to come; now, therefore, be
12 it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of Jefferson
15 Davis Senior High School and the dedication of its new library,
16 cafeteria, and technology complex; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for display at Jefferson Davis Senior High School as an
19 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.