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H.R. No. 320

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize the Texas School for the Deaf on the occasion of its 150th
3 anniversary; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas School for the Deaf was established by the
5 legislature in 1856 on a rented 57-acre tract of land a half-mile
6 south of the Colorado River in Austin; the site had a two-room
7 cottage, three log cabins, and an old smokehouse that could be made
8 over for a schoolroom; and

9 WHEREAS, During the Civil War, the school had no money for
10 salaries, and teachers and students supported themselves by farming
11 and by making clothes from the wool of the sheep they raised; the
12 school was maintained through the years through regular
13 appropriations from the Texas Legislature; and

14 WHEREAS, The campus now covers 67 acres on the edge of
15 downtown Austin and features new state-of-the-art facilities; in
16 addition to a full range of educational and support services, the
17 school offers comprehensive diagnostic, medical, social, sports,
18 and recreational services; and

19 WHEREAS, One of the top public educational institutions in
20 the nation for deaf and hard-of-hearing children, the Texas School
21 for the Deaf serves more than 470 enrolled students ranging from
22 prekindergarten through grade 12 during the regular school year,
23 and more than 4,000 students, families, and professionals
24 participate in summer and short-term programs; and

1 WHEREAS, On the occasion of its 150th anniversary, the Texas
2 School for the Deaf recognizes that its success is due to a
3 partnership between the Texas Legislature, the school, and the
4 community and their collaborative efforts to serve the needs of
5 deaf Texans; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the administrators
8 and members of the educational and support staff of the Texas School
9 for the Deaf for their years of dedication to the needs and dreams
10 of deaf and hard-of-hearing Texans and extend to all best wishes for
11 a memorable and meaningful 150th anniversary; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.