

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 136

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas School for the Deaf on the occasion of its 150th anniversary; and

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

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

WHEREAS, The campus now covers 67 acres on the edge of downtown Austin with brand new state-of-the-art facilities; the school provides a full range of educational and support services, as well as comprehensive diagnostic, medical, social, sports, and recreational services; and

WHEREAS, The Texas School for the Deaf has over 470 enrolled students ranging in grades from prekindergarten through 12 during the regular school year and more than 4,000 additional families, students, and professionals in summer and short-term programs; it has become one of the top public educational institutions in the country for deaf and hard-of-hearing children; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the administrators and members of the educational and support staff of the Texas School for the Deaf for their years of dedication to the needs and dreams of the deaf and hard-of-hearing and extend to all best wishes for a grand 150th anniversary event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2006.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate