

By: Pena

H.R. No. 112

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The week of January 30-February 5, 2005, has been
2 designated Catholic School Week, and this period of observance
3 provides a fitting opportunity to recognize one of the Lone Star
4 State's exceptional educational institutions, St. Joseph Catholic
5 School in Edinburg; and

6 WHEREAS, Dedicated to providing a family-oriented Christian
7 environment where students develop intellectually, emotionally,
8 physically, and spiritually, St. Joseph Catholic School was founded
9 in 1954 by Father O'Connell, the pastor of St. Joseph Parish; and

10 WHEREAS, The school has undergone a host of changes since it
11 opened its doors to 34 students in kindergarten and first and second
12 grades; today, St. Joseph's has refurbished facilities, a new
13 computer room, and an Evangelization Center and teaches classes
14 from prekindergarten to the 8th grade; and

15 WHEREAS, Under the current and able administration of The
16 Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Joseph's offers an
17 expansive curriculum designed to wholly fit the needs of its
18 diverse student body; a wealth of extracurricular activities, both
19 academic and athletic, greatly enrich the school and help produce
20 well-rounded individuals ready to face the myriad challenges of the
21 future; and

22 WHEREAS, Spiritual development remains at the core of St.
23 Joseph School, and through weekly participation at Mass, service
24 projects, retreats, and religious instruction at all grade levels,

1 students are well prepared to live lives of meaningful service that
2 will undoubtedly benefit their respective communities; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout its rich history, St. Joseph Catholic
4 School has made a significant contribution to the development of
5 countless students and given them the tools they need to become
6 happy and productive members of society as well as the leaders of
7 tomorrow; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly acknowledged
9 St. Joseph Catholic School by passing this resolution in its behalf
10 during the Regular Session of the 79th Texas Legislature; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize St. Joseph Catholic School in
14 conjunction with the observance of Catholic School Week and commend
15 all associated with this fine school for their many good works in
16 behalf of the youth of Texas; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for St. Joseph Catholic School as an expression of high
19 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.