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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Sand Flat and Richland Schools of Rains County
2 are an essential part of African American history in the State of
3 Texas, and a reunion of former students, teachers, parents, and
4 friends on May 7, 2005, provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on
5 the schools' storied past; and

6 WHEREAS, Between 1915 and 1932, the Rosenwald Fund and local
7 African American communities built more than 500 schools across
8 Texas to educate young people before desegregation; today, fewer
9 than 30 schools still remain intact, and the Sand Flat School is one
10 of those stalwart survivors; and

11 WHEREAS, The Richland School, which was destroyed by a fire
12 several years ago, and Sand Flat were the only public education
13 facilities for African Americans in Rains County; the A. C.
14 McMillan African American Museum in Emory has launched a remarkable
15 effort to preserve and renovate the Sand Flat building and to secure
16 a place for the school on the national registry of historic
17 buildings; and

18 WHEREAS, The Sand Flat and Richland Schools are monuments to
19 the determined and spirited past of a community who fought for the
20 right to educate its children, and it is a pleasure to recognize
21 these important institutions on this special occasion; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
24 Legislature hereby honor the Sand Flat and Richland Schools on the

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1 occasion of the 2005 reunion and extend to all those school
2 supporters in attendance sincere best wishes for a memorable event.