

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, M. C. Lively Elementary School in Irving is  
2 celebrating its 50th anniversary on May 12, 2005, and this occasion  
3 provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on the school's unique  
4 history; and

5           WHEREAS, In the late 1880s, a former schoolteacher named  
6 William Smith expressed concern about quality educational  
7 resources for his children and his neighbors' children; he  
8 encouraged Lee Britain to donate a plot of land for a new school,  
9 and a one-room building was erected to accommodate students from  
10 eight grades and their teacher, Mark Callister Lively; and

11           WHEREAS, On April 23, 1909, Mr. Lively's nephew, State  
12 Representative E. C. Lively, authored a bill in the legislature  
13 creating the Irving Independent School District, and the new school  
14 was merged with the Kit School; nearly a half-century later,  
15 Plymouth Park Elementary School opened at 1800 Plymouth Drive, and  
16 its name was changed to M. C. Lively Elementary School in 1968; and

17           WHEREAS, Today, the school employs 100 teachers and staff and  
18 educates nearly 900 students from kindergarten through fifth grade;  
19 under the guidance of principal John Ringhauser, students are  
20 benefiting from an increased emphasis on technological skills,  
21 aided by the recent receipt of a technology grant; and

22           WHEREAS, The students and faculty of M. C. Lively Elementary  
23 School continue to pursue academic excellence, and it is a pleasure  
24 to recognize their accomplishments on this special day; now,

1 therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby honor M. C. Lively Elementary School on the  
4 occasion of its 50th anniversary and extend to all its students and  
5 teachers sincere best wishes for continued success and achievement;  
6 and, be it further

7           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
9 House of Representatives.

Harper-Brown

H.R. No. 1830

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1830 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House