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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.