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H.R. No. 361

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Nazareth Academy, a private Catholic primary and
2 middle school in Victoria, is celebrating its 140th anniversary in
3 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded by the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and
5 Blessed Sacrament, a French Catholic order of nuns, the school was
6 opened on January 7, 1867, with 55 girls as students; and

7 WHEREAS, Originally known as the Convent School, it was
8 renamed the Academy of Nazareth in 1880; the school was one of six
9 institutions in Texas recognized for the superior education of
10 women in 1883 by the United States Department of the Interior Bureau
11 of Education; and

12 WHEREAS, By 1917 the school was teaching classes at all
13 levels, from elementary grades to high school; renamed Nazareth
14 Academy in 1921, it soon received state accreditation, and a new
15 facility was constructed in the 1940s; and

16 WHEREAS, Boys were first admitted up to grade four in 1960,
17 and Nazareth became a fully coeducational elementary and junior
18 high school in 1976; day care and a preschool program were added in
19 1977; and

20 WHEREAS, Moving into the 21st century under the leadership of
21 Principal C. R. Alicardi, the school continues to provide a strong
22 academic foundation for its students' success in a changing world;
23 thanks to its computer lab with wireless Internet access, the
24 academy was a winner of a 2005-2006 Best Buy Te@ch Award, which is

1 awarded to schools that integrate interactive technology with
2 curriculum; the school's new sports complex has helped the school's
3 volleyball team become the undefeated district champions for 2006;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Nazareth Academy has a long and proud tradition of
6 providing a quality education to generations of Victoria residents,
7 and it will undoubtedly continue to play a vital role in the
8 community for years to come; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Nazareth Academy of Victoria on its
11 140 years of service to area Texans and extend to all those
12 associated with the school sincere best wishes for continued
13 success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be provided to the
15 school as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
16 Representatives.