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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sacred Heart Catholic School in Hallettsville is
2 marking its 125th anniversary in 2007, and the school's students,
3 teachers, and administrators, and the students' parents are
4 celebrating this important milestone in the institution's history;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, This venerable school dates back to 1882, when three
7 nuns from the congregation of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and
8 Blessed Sacrament came to Hallettsville and opened Incarnate Word
9 Convent, a novitiate and boarding school for girls associated with
10 Sacred Heart Church; the first classes convened on January 6, 1882,
11 and from its earliest days, the convent offered courses in music,
12 Latin, Spanish, French, and German at the primary, intermediate,
13 and secondary levels; and

14 WHEREAS, Known by various names throughout its history,
15 including Sacred Heart Academy and Blessed Sacrament and Incarnate
16 Word Convent, Sacred Heart Catholic School has grown tremendously
17 with the passing years; originally housed in a single convent
18 building, its facilities today include a band hall, a vocational
19 shop facility, a gymnasium and weight room, a library and media
20 center with Internet access, and a computer reading lab; and

21 WHEREAS, The school's educational mandate has also expanded
22 over the decades; male students began attending in 1892, and
23 kindergarten and pre-kindergarten classes were later added; Sacred
24 Heart is known for its quality educational and extracurricular

1 offerings, and the school has a long history of winning state
2 championships in sports and academics as a member of the Texas
3 Association of Private and Parochial Schools; and

4 WHEREAS, Today, Sacred Heart is capably led by Principal
5 David Smolik and Father John Peters, who, along with a dedicated
6 staff of 48 teachers and aides, work to provide academic
7 opportunities, leadership training, religious education, and
8 extracurricular activities to more than 275 students in grades
9 pre-K through 12; and

10 WHEREAS, The celebration of this momentous anniversary
11 provides an opportunity to reflect on the many generations of
12 Texans who have passed through the doors of the Hallettsville
13 institution and to applaud the school's sustained efforts to carry
14 out its important educational mission; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
16 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of the
17 founding of Sacred Heart Catholic School and extend sincere best
18 wishes to its administrators, faculty, staff, students, and alumni
19 for continued success; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.