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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Porter Middle School is celebrating 50 years of  
2 service to the students of south Austin in 2007, and this milestone  
3 offers an opportunity to reflect on the importance of this esteemed  
4 institution in the life of the community; and

5           WHEREAS, Established in 1957 as Porter Junior High, the  
6 facility was named in honor of Thomas Neal Porter, who served as  
7 chief financial officer of the Austin Independent School District  
8 for many years; and

9           WHEREAS, The institution opened its doors to 900 students and  
10 30 teachers in its first year, and through the decades enrollment  
11 swelled to nearly 1,200 at its peak; and

12           WHEREAS, Porter is one of the oldest campuses in south  
13 Austin, and it has undergone a number of changes since its founding;  
14 the junior high became a middle school in 1988, and the fall of 2007  
15 will bring more changes, as Porter becomes the Ann Richards Academy  
16 of Young Women Leaders; and

17           WHEREAS, For half a century, Porter has equipped students for  
18 the challenges of high school while helping to shape tomorrow's  
19 leaders, and all those associated with this enduring institution,  
20 past and present, can take pride in its rich history; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby honor Porter Middle School on the 50th  
24 anniversary of its founding and extend to all those associated with

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1 the school sincere best wishes for continued success in all their  
2 endeavors; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Porter Middle School as an expression of high regard by  
5 the Texas House of Representatives.