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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children in San
Antonio is marking its 60th anniversary in 2007, and this occasion
provides an opportunity to pay tribute to the rich history of this
important institution; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1947 by Dela White and John White, Sr., Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children was inspired by the couple's determination to see their daughter, Tuleta, and other deaf children learn to speak, function independently, and become successful members of society; beginning with seven pupils and one teacher, the school quickly expanded, and in 1952 it moved to a new location at 103 Tuleta Drive, where it is still housed today; and

WHEREAS, With a current enrollment of 158 pupils and an impressive 6:1 student-to-faculty ratio, Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children offers a wide variety of services for its students, including a newborn hearing evaluation center and parent-infant, early childhood, elementary, and off-campus mainstream programs; moreover, the school offers services in speech-language pathology and audiology and cochlear implant programming; and

WHEREAS, In addition to educating those with hearing impairments, this outstanding school has been a leader in community outreach, educating children's agencies and medical personnel about how to identify hearing loss and the best ways to help those in need; the school also works in cooperation with The University of

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- 1 Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in its master's degree
- 2 program in deaf education and hearing science; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Since its inception, Sunshine Cottage School has
- 4 helped children who are hearing impaired to achieve their full
- 5 potential, and in carrying forth that mission for six decades, the
- 6 school has become an internationally respected institution; now,
- 7 therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Sunshine
- 10 Cottage School for Deaf Children and extend to its faculty, staff,
- 11 and students sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
- 12 further
- RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 15 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2667 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House