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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

13 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.