

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Students and alumni of Phillis Wheatley High School
2 in Houston are joining together to commemorate the 80th anniversary
3 of the establishment of this notable school during a three-day
4 celebration from November 8 through November 11, 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Established in the old McGowan Elementary School
6 building in Houston's Fifth Ward on January 31, 1927, the school was
7 named in honor of poet Phillis Wheatley, the first African American
8 woman to publish a volume of poetry in America, and it was
9 originally led by principal E. O. Smith, who carefully selected the
10 school's initial faculty members; and

11 WHEREAS, Located on Lyons Avenue until 1950, Phillis Wheatley
12 Senior High School was moved to its present site on Market Street
13 and rededicated in September of that year with principal John E.
14 Codwell at the helm; the school has subsequently benefited from the
15 visionary leadership of principals William Moore, A. C. Herald,
16 Jr., Charles Herbert, Forest Henry, Jr., Eddie Orum, Harold
17 Crawford, Horace Williams, and Bruce Goffney and current principal
18 Wiley Johnson; and

19 WHEREAS, Through the years, many of the school's graduates
20 have had a positive and profound impact in their various fields of
21 endeavor, and the celebration of this landmark anniversary provides
22 an ideal opportunity to pay tribute to the school's graduates and to
23 the dedicated educators who inspired them to achieve their full
24 potential; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the 80th anniversary of Phillis
3 Wheatley High School and extend best wishes to all those in
4 attendance at the 2007 anniversary celebration; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
7 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2978 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House