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H.R. No. 359

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Irving Independent School District has played a  
2 vital role in the education of generations of young Texans, and area  
3 residents are gathering on April 23, 2009, to pay tribute to the  
4 district on its 100th anniversary; and

5           WHEREAS, In 1909, Kit and Lively Schools were consolidated to  
6 form Irving ISD, and the first school building was constructed on  
7 property that had been donated by the town's founders; four years  
8 later, district officials built a three-story red brick structure  
9 they called "Old Red," which was the tallest building in Irving at  
10 the time; through the following decades, the district saw the  
11 addition of an auditorium, its first indoor gymnasium, a cafeteria,  
12 and an athletic field, and in 1941, the number of grades increased  
13 to 12; and

14           WHEREAS, Today, Irving ISD encompasses nearly 50 square miles  
15 of 31 elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as three early  
16 childhood schools and three learning centers; the student  
17 population has grown from its original 125 to its current 33,000  
18 students; skillfully led by superintendent Jack Singley, Irving ISD  
19 works to further its mission of partnering with families and  
20 members of the community to meet the needs of its students and to  
21 cultivate learning, thinking, and communicating; and

22           WHEREAS, Although Irving ISD has changed significantly over  
23 the course of a century, it has not wavered in its commitment to  
24 providing high-quality educational opportunities, and its rich

1 tradition of academic achievement remains a tremendous source of  
2 pride for the surrounding community; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
4 Legislature hereby honor the Irving Independent School District on  
5 the occasion of its centennial and extend to all those associated  
6 with the district sincere best wishes for continued success; and,  
7 be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Irving ISD as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
10 House of Representatives.