

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 75th anniversary of the founding of Phillis  
2 Wheatley High School in San Antonio is being celebrated on February  
3 27, 2009, and this noteworthy milestone provides a welcome  
4 opportunity to pay tribute to the history of this landmark  
5 educational institution; and

6           WHEREAS, Phillis Wheatley High School was originally  
7 established in 1933 on the east side of San Antonio, and it was at  
8 that time the only area high school for African American students;  
9 the building closed its doors in 1970; and

10           WHEREAS, Numerous people protested the loss of the iconic  
11 school, and as a result, the campus previously known as  
12 Brackenridge High School was renamed Phillis Wheatley High School  
13 when that institution was rebuilt in the 1970s; meanwhile, the  
14 original Phillis Wheatley school building reopened as Emerson  
15 Middle School; and

16           WHEREAS, Interest in the historic home of the school  
17 increased after the Phillis Wheatley Alumni Association was formed  
18 in 1983 and began holding all-school reunions every two years; in  
19 1986, the Phillis Wheatley association joined forces with the  
20 Brackenridge Alumni Association to petition the board of the San  
21 Antonio Independent School District to restore the original names  
22 of the historic school buildings; ultimately, this plan was  
23 approved by the board, staff, and students, and Emerson Middle  
24 School, the original site of Phillis Wheatley High School, became

1 Phillis Wheatley Middle School; in addition, the Brackenridge title  
2 was reapplied to the high school that had originally held that name;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Designated as an official landmark by the San  
5 Antonio Historical Society, the original Phillis Wheatley school  
6 building on Gabriel Street is a true piece of Texas history that  
7 continues its mission of preparing young people for the future, and  
8 the rich and significant heritage of this esteemed institution is  
9 indeed deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
11 Legislature hereby honor the 75th anniversary of the founding of  
12 Phillis Wheatley High School and extend best wishes to its alumni  
13 and to the current students and staff of the middle school; and, be  
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
17 House of Representatives.

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Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 526

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 526 was adopted by the House on  
February 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House