

By: Gonzales

H.R. No. 618

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life and legacy of a beloved community leader
2 were commemorated with the dedication of Lucile McKee Hendricks
3 Elementary School in McAllen on February 8, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, The new 66,000-square-foot school in the McAllen
5 Independent School District has a capacity of about 700 students
6 and a current enrollment of almost 500; the campus features an
7 energy-efficient design, state-of-the-art computer labs, and a
8 large cafetorium; it opened its doors for classes in August 2008;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Honoring "McAllen's First Lady," the school is named
11 after Lucile Hendricks, a tireless advocate for children and
12 quality education who died in 2007 at the age of 98; as a young
13 mother, Mrs. Hendricks began attending school board meetings and
14 went on to win election as the first woman on the school board, thus
15 becoming the first female elected official in Hidalgo County; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hendricks served three terms on the school
17 board and became its first female president in 1959; this dynamic
18 Texan also worked in the family construction business, which she
19 ran after the death of her husband, and through the years she served
20 on several civic commissions and gave generously of her time and
21 talents to numerous political, cultural, and philanthropic
22 organizations; her family members have donated books to the new
23 school's library; and

24 WHEREAS, Lucile Hendricks was an outstanding role model

1 throughout her long life, and she left an indelible imprint on the
2 city of McAllen; it is indeed fitting that an elementary school
3 should bear the name of this industrious and dedicated citizen;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the dedication of Lucile McKee
7 Hendricks Elementary School in McAllen and extend sincere best
8 wishes to all those associated with this fine institution of
9 learning; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.