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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2009 marks the 50th anniversary of Andrew
2 Jackson Elementary School in McAllen; and

3 WHEREAS, Since it first opened its doors in 1959, Andrew
4 Jackson Elementary has sought to provide a safe and nurturing
5 environment in which the staff are committed to instruction that is
6 flexible, child-centered, and relevant to the real world; this
7 noteworthy institution has built a strong educational foundation
8 for generations of McAllen residents, including NASA astronaut
9 Michael Fossum, and it continues to empower its students to become
10 responsible citizens, with the support of staff, parents, and the
11 community; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, Andrew Jackson Elementary serves nearly 800
13 students enrolled in kindergarten through the fifth grade under the
14 skilled leadership of principal Joe A. Garza, and its mascot is the
15 jaguar; the school is guided by the motto, "Parents Plus Students
16 Plus Staff Equals a Winning Combination"; and

17 WHEREAS, Andrew Jackson Elementary has earned numerous
18 accolades for maintaining high academic standards, including the
19 Governor's Excellence in Education Award, which was based on
20 student performance in 2007 and 2008; in addition, the school has
21 obtained a "Recognized" rating from the Texas Education Agency for
22 the past four years, and it received TEA Gold Performance
23 Acknowledgments in science, math, and writing in 2008; moreover,
24 Andrew Jackson Elementary was selected to participate in an ongoing

1 state pilot study on effective reading strategies as a Reading
2 First Campus; and

3 WHEREAS, The education of young Texans is a vital enterprise
4 for every school in our state, and Andrew Jackson Elementary has
5 dedicated itself to that worthy goal for half a century; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of Andrew
9 Jackson Elementary School and extend to its teachers, students, and
10 staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Andrew Jackson Elementary School as an expression of
13 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.