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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The students, faculty, staff, and administrators of
2 J. L. Long Middle School in Dallas are commemorating the 75th
3 anniversary of its founding on April 2, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, In the early 1930s, as junior high schools were
5 being created across the country, Dallas educators embraced the
6 idea of providing students with a transitional period between
7 elementary and high schools, and J. L. Long Middle School was
8 established; the second institution of its kind to be built in
9 Dallas, the school was named in honor of John Lawson Long, a former
10 superintendent of Dallas schools who helped lay the foundation for
11 the Dallas Independent School District; the school's building was
12 designed by architects in a modified Elizabethan style with art
13 deco features, and local artist Olin Travis painted a mural for the
14 library as part of the Depression-era WPA program; and

15 WHEREAS, J. L. Long Middle School opened its doors to 550
16 students in September 1933, and its first principal, C. W. Morris,
17 led the institution for the next 16 years; today, the school has an
18 enrollment of nearly 1,000 students in grades six through eight;
19 skillfully guided by principal Danielle Petters, it offers
20 award-winning programs in music, math, science, and athletics, and
21 the school community embraces its motto, "Long on Pride!"; and

22 WHEREAS, Throughout its rich history, J. L. Long Middle
23 School has dedicated itself to providing a well-rounded education
24 and to encouraging academic achievement and personal excellence,

1 and in so doing, it has helped ensure a bright future for many young
2 Texans; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of J. L. Long
5 Middle School and extend to all those associated with the
6 institution sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for J. L. Long Middle School as an expression of high
10 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.