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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 50th high school reunion is truly cause for
2 celebration, and the members of the Class of 1959 from Jack Yates
3 High School in Houston are marking this significant milestone from
4 June 5 to June 14, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, This noteworthy group has the distinction of being
6 the first class to graduate from the newly built Jack Yates High
7 School in Houston's Third Ward neighborhood; they were also members
8 of the last generation to complete all 12 years of their education
9 in segregated schools; as they gather to pay tribute to their alma
10 mater, they will surely enjoy sharing stories and recalling fond
11 memories of such events as the Thanksgiving Day Homecoming Game,
12 when more than 30,000 cheering fans witnessed the reigning "Miss
13 Jack Yates," Carolyn Wilkins Greene, and her court land in a
14 helicopter at Jeppenson Stadium; and

15 WHEREAS, Led by their president, Billie Victor Brown, the
16 members of the Class of 1959 will also recount for one another their
17 experiences from the years that have passed since their days
18 together at Jack Yates High, and as they reflect on the trials and
19 triumphs of the past half-century, there will no doubt be much
20 laughter and even the occasional tear; and

21 WHEREAS, With the support of their parents, teachers, and
22 administrators, these esteemed Texans have gone on to become valued
23 members of their communities and to make their mark on the world in
24 a wide range of callings, and their participation in this special

1 reunion demonstrates their appreciation of the deep and abiding
2 influence their alma mater has had in shaping their lives; thus,
3 they are also coming together to raise funds for scholarships to be
4 awarded to the next generation of graduating seniors from Jack
5 Yates High School; and

6 WHEREAS, The reunion's enjoyable activities will include
7 many highlights, but its real value is found in the lasting bonds
8 between friends of many decades' standing, and it is indeed a
9 pleasure to recognize their loyalty to one another and to their
10 beloved school; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of the Jack Yates High
13 School Class of 1959 on the occasion of their 50th high school
14 reunion and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued
15 happiness; and, be it further

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