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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Mount St. Michael Catholic School in the Oak Cliff
- 2 community of Dallas is celebrating its 25th anniversary on
- 3 March 4, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, An educational apostolate of the Christian
- 5 Community of God's Delight, MSMCS began as the Prince of Peace
- 6 Community School in 1986; classes were initially held for preschool
- 7 through fourth-grade students, and one grade level was added during
- 8 each of the next four years until the current eighth-grade level was
- 9 reached; the name was changed to Mount St. Michael Catholic School
- 10 in 2007; and
- 11 WHEREAS, The school's Montessori educational program and
- 12 strong academic standards draw students from across the Metroplex;
- 13 children from 42 different zip codes and diverse socioeconomic
- 14 backgrounds attend the school, and enrollment has increased by more
- 15 than 50 percent in the past four years; and
- 16 WHEREAS, MSMCS employs a classical curriculum known as the
- 17 trivium, a three-phased approach that emphasizes grammar, logic,
- 18 and rhetoric and includes the mandatory study of Latin starting in
- 19 the first grade; in addition, students have the opportunity to
- 20 participate in artistic pursuits such as band, art, and dance while
- 21 also taking part in traditional religious studies; and
- WHEREAS, Because of the thorough work of MSMCS educators, 100
- 23 percent of the school's graduates who have applied have been
- 24 accepted to the high school of their choice; many alumni are already

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- 1 making their mark on society, including those who are pursuing
- 2 advanced academic degrees in our nation's colleges or entering holy
- 3 orders; and
- WHEREAS, For 25 years, the faculty and staff of Mount
- 5 St. Michael Catholic School have committed themselves to meeting
- 6 the educational needs of their students, and the school has played a
- 7 vital role in helping many young Texans build a bright and
- 8 prosperous future; now, therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 25th anniversary of Mount
- 11 St. Michael Catholic School and extend to all those associated with
- 12 the institution sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
- 13 it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 15 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 16 House of Representatives.