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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sam Houston Math, Science, and Technology Center in
2 the Houston Independent School District is receiving an official
3 Texas Historical Marker on February 12, 2011, from the Texas
4 Historical Commission; and

5 WHEREAS, The oldest high school in Harris County and one of
6 the very oldest in all of Texas, Sam Houston Math, Science, and
7 Technology Center was founded in 1878 as Houston Academy; it was
8 briefly renamed the Clopper Institute before becoming Houston
9 Normal School in 1886 and Houston High School in 1895; between 1926
10 and 1955, it was known as Central High School, and then for the next
11 53 years, it was named Sam Houston High School; its present-day name
12 was adopted in 2008 to reflect a new academic emphasis; and

13 WHEREAS, Through the years, the school was also housed in a
14 number of different buildings, including churches and Masonic
15 temples; it moved from Capitol Street downtown to its current
16 location at 9400 Irvington Boulevard in 1955; and

17 WHEREAS, Sam Houston Math, Science, and Technology Center has
18 the oldest high school newspaper in the Lone Star State, *The Aegis*,
19 which was established in 1889; in addition, the world's first girls'
20 military drill squad was formed at the school by then principal
21 F. M. Black; the squad was initially called the Black Battalion in
22 his honor and is today known as the Tigerettes; and

23 WHEREAS, Among other distinctions, Sam Houston can boast that
24 one of its former faculty members, Lyndon Baines Johnson, went on to

1 become president of the United States; he taught English and speech
2 at the school in the 1920s; and

3 WHEREAS, Recognition by the Texas Historical Commission
4 highlights the significant role that Sam Houston Math, Science, and
5 Technology Center has played in educating and nurturing countless
6 children, and the official designation provides assurance that the
7 history of this notable institution will be remembered for years to
8 come; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the dedication of a Texas Historical
11 Marker at Sam Houston Math, Science, and Technology Center and
12 extend to all those participating in the dedication ceremony best
13 wishes for an enjoyable and memorable event; and, be 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.