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H.R. No. 612

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Allen Independent School District has provided
2 generations of young Texans with a quality education, and local
3 residents are celebrating the district's 100th anniversary in 2011;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Citizens of Allen voted in 1910 to convert its
6 common school district, which had been established in 1883, to an
7 independent school district; a bond election funded construction of
8 a two-story brick building with six rooms and an auditorium, which
9 remained the main classroom facility for five decades; and

10 WHEREAS, The district faced numerous challenges early in its
11 history, including shrinking enrollment, inadequate facilities,
12 and a shortage of teachers and courses; in the 1940s, Allen ISD
13 trustees began actively recruiting educators, and concerned
14 citizens helped to keep them in the district by providing them with
15 housing and paying their salaries through PTA donations; and

16 WHEREAS, During the 1950s, voters supported two bond
17 elections by wide margins, and in 1959, the district opened Allen
18 High School; enrollments began to rise in the following decade, and
19 finally exceeded 500 for the first time in the 1968-69 school year;
20 Rountree Elementary School opened as the district's first
21 elementary school in 1974; and

22 WHEREAS, The 1980s brought considerable growth as farmland
23 yielded to new subdivisions, and the student population of 3,700 in
24 1986 doubled by 1993; expansion continued apace during the 1990s as

1 the district built a number of new schools, including the
2 state-of-the-art Allen High School in 2000; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, Allen ISD serves some 19,000 students on 22
4 campuses; it earned an Exemplary rating from the Texas Education
5 Agency in 2010, with 18 individual campuses rated Exemplary and two
6 rated Recognized; in addition to offering instruction in several
7 foreign languages and an international baccalaureate program, the
8 district sponsors a broad range of vocational courses; moreover, it
9 enjoys strong community support for its athletics, and a bond
10 election funded construction of a \$59.6 million football stadium
11 that seats 18,000 fans; and

12 WHEREAS, The Allen Independent School District has changed
13 dramatically over the course of the past century, but it has not
14 wavered in its commitment to providing high-quality educational
15 opportunities to area students, and its rich tradition remains a
16 tremendous source of pride for the surrounding community; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
19 Legislature hereby commemorate the centennial celebration of the
20 Allen Independent School District and extend to all those
21 associated with the district sincere best wishes for continued
22 success; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for the district as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.