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H.R. No. 613

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School in Richwood
2 is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, The driving force behind the creation of this
4 notable institution was Sister Mary Antoinette Peltier of Danbury,
5 who in the mid-1980s saw the need for a Catholic school in Brazoria
6 County and resolved to start one; the proposal she wrote to the
7 presiding bishop was approved in May of 1986, and Our Lady Queen of
8 Peace opened in September of that year; and

9 WHEREAS, Originally utilizing the education building of St.
10 Michael's Catholic Church in Lake Jackson, the school had an
11 initial enrollment of 67 students and a front office with little
12 more than a desk, a telephone, and a three-hole punch; nonetheless,
13 area parents demonstrated their faith in the institution through
14 strong support, and the school's infrastructure improved rapidly;
15 the location was soon moved to a nearby parish hall, and in 1988,
16 construction was completed on a new permanent home for Our Lady
17 Queen of Peace; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, the school offers an outstanding education to
19 nearly 250 students in preschool, elementary, and junior high
20 classes, preparing them for later studies in public and private
21 high schools; Our Lady Queen of Peace students are a diverse group
22 with a range of ethnic and religious backgrounds, and they rank in
23 the top 20 percent on national achievement tests and perform well in
24 statewide private school interscholastic competitions; and

1 WHEREAS, The school employs dedicated teachers who view their
2 work as a ministry and who have an average of 11 years of experience
3 in the classroom; these educators strive to encourage the
4 spiritual, academic, social, and physical development of each child
5 through a comprehensive curriculum that includes Spanish and
6 computer instruction as well as elective activities such as music
7 lessons, performing arts, scouting, and sports; and

8 WHEREAS, For 25 years, the faculty and staff of Our Lady Queen
9 of Peace have committed themselves to meeting the educational needs
10 of their students, and the school has played a vital role in helping
11 many young Texans build a bright and prosperous future; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School on
15 the 25th anniversary of its opening and extend to all those
16 associated with the institution sincere best wishes for continued
17 success; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.