

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Valley Grande Adventist Academy in Weslaco is
2 celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding in 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, Early in the 20th century, Seventh-day Adventists
4 living in the Rio Grande Valley began to desire an education for
5 their children that was grounded in their religious beliefs, and a
6 number of adults taught children in their homes or at churches; a
7 permanent school, originally named Valley Grande Academy, was
8 founded in 1936, and classes were held in a Weslaco church
9 auditorium until construction was finished on a classroom building
10 the following year; and

11 WHEREAS, Valley Grande Academy had an enrollment of 100
12 students by 1944, and the coming years saw many improvements, as a
13 vocational building and garage and a new building for the
14 elementary grades were added; the most dramatic change came in
15 1964, when the decision was made to turn the school into a boarding
16 academy; local congregants opened their houses to students until
17 dormitories were completed, and in 1972 the school was chosen as the
18 boarding academy for the Texas Conference of Seventh-day
19 Adventists; and

20 WHEREAS, Renamed Valley Grande Adventist Academy in 2005, the
21 school currently educates children enrolled in kindergarten
22 through the 12th grade, and it is accredited by the Southern
23 Association of Colleges and Schools and recognized by the Texas
24 Education Agency through recommendation of the Texas Private School

1 Accrediting Commission; providing its pupils with a well-rounded,
2 quality education, the academy emphasizes the harmonious
3 development of the spiritual, mental, vocational, social, and
4 physical powers of each individual student; and

5 WHEREAS, Valley Grande Adventist Academy encourages its
6 students to lead worship services and Bible study, and offers
7 extracurricular activities such as band, wind and string ensemble,
8 chorale groups, and interscholastic competitions in many different
9 sports; and

10 WHEREAS, For three-quarters of a century, the faculty and
11 staff of Valley Grande Adventist Academy have committed themselves
12 to meeting the educational needs of their students, and the school
13 has played a vital role in helping numerous young Texans build a
14 bright and prosperous future; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
16 Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of Valley
17 Grande Adventist Academy in Weslaco and extend to all those
18 associated with the institution sincere best wishes for continued
19 success; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the academy as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.

Martinez

H.R. No. 883

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 883 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House