

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Leonelo H. Gonzalez Elementary School in McAllen is
2 celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, Since its founding, Gonzalez Elementary School has
4 promoted outstanding academic achievement, and its current
5 students continue to benefit from the exceptional learning
6 environment created for them by the school's dedicated teachers and
7 administrators; and

8 WHEREAS, The institution was named in honor of newspaper
9 publisher Leonelo Gonzalez, who was a leader in McAllen from 1925
10 until his death in 1985; as a two-term member of the McAllen
11 Independent School District Board of Trustees, he was instrumental
12 in the effort to discontinue the policy of half-day classes for
13 Hispanic schools, and he also worked to persuade MISD to establish
14 preschool classes for Hispanic children to learn English; moreover,
15 along with his wife, Cecilia, he helped found PTAs at Roosevelt and
16 Sam Houston High Schools; and

17 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of principal Christina
18 Hernandez, Gonzalez Elementary has been rated "exemplary" by the
19 Texas Education Agency, and it was named a Texas Business and
20 Education Coalition honor roll school in both 2009 and 2010; and

21 WHEREAS, Gonzalez Elementary has equipped countless young
22 Texans with the knowledge and skills essential to their future
23 success, and its 20-year history is a testament to the enduring
24 value the community places on the education of its children; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the 20th anniversary of Gonzalez
4 Elementary School and extend to its administrators, faculty, staff,
5 and students sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.

Gonzales of Hidalgo

H.R. No. 2170

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2170 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House