

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 584

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Incarnate Word Academy on the grand occasion of its 140th anniversary, which is being celebrated on March 25, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Incarnate Word Academy was opened on March 19, 1871, as a Catholic school for girls from elementary through high school; it was founded by the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament, who had arrived in Corpus Christi just days earlier; and

WHEREAS, The school was first established in the modest home provided for the Incarnate Word Sisters; it was later expanded to a separate building and after the sisters moved into the convent on South Alameda in 1950, funds were raised to build a new high school, and the new facilities were dedicated in 1955; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, Incarnate Word Academy opened what is now the oldest still-operating Montessori school in Corpus Christi; the academy became coeducational at the high school level in 1975, and the campus has continued to expand with new buildings and the latest in technological innovations, including a campuswide virtual library; it has earned championships in three of the last four years in Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools academic competitions; and

WHEREAS, Incarnate Word Academy remains true to its original mission of providing an education with high academic standards, encouragement for students to achieve their highest potential, and the opportunity for faith development; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby congratulate all current and former students, teachers, and administrators of Incarnate Word Academy on the school's 140th anniversary and commend the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament for their positive contributions to the education and development of young people in the Corpus Christi community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the academy as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 22, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate