

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2013 marks the 125th anniversary of the
2 founding of Aoy Elementary School in El Paso; and

3 WHEREAS, Olivas Villanueva Aoy, a Franciscan priest, founded
4 what would become Aoy Elementary in 1887 to help Mexican children
5 learn English and prepare to enter public school; in 1888, the El
6 Paso Independent School District voted to officially make
7 Mr. Villanueva's school a part of the district and named it the
8 Mexican Preparatory School; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Aoy taught the school's first students in a
10 six-classroom building on the corner of Chihuahua Street and
11 Francisco Street; after his death in 1895, the district renamed the
12 school Aoy Elementary to honor his service; three years later, the
13 district approved the construction of a new, larger campus on South
14 Campbell Street in the Segundo Barrio, or Second Ward, neighborhood
15 to meet the needs of the school's growing population; in 2003, local
16 voters approved a ballot measure that combined Aoy with another
17 nearby elementary school, Roosevelt, and the school now serves more
18 than 500 students; and

19 WHEREAS, One of the district's oldest elementary schools, the
20 institution continues to thrive under the guidance of principal
21 Martha Franco, who has worked with her faculty to maintain an
22 effective and nurturing learning environment, one that uses 21st
23 century technologies to prepare students for the opportunities that
24 lie ahead; and

1 WHEREAS, Aoy Elementary has equipped countless young Texans
2 with a strong educational foundation, and its 125-year history is a
3 testament to the enduring value the community places on the
4 education of its children; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of Aoy
7 Elementary School and extend to its administrators, faculty, staff,
8 and students sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

Marquez

H.R. No. 447

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 447 was adopted by the House on
February 28, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House