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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Lucy Collins Nazro retired as the head of  
2 St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Austin in June 2012, drawing to a  
3 close a notable career in education that spanned more than five  
4 decades; and

5           WHEREAS, After receiving her bachelor's degree from The  
6 University of Texas at Austin, Mrs. Nazro taught for several years  
7 in California and Japan before enrolling at the Episcopal  
8 Theological Seminary of the Southwest, where in 1966 she earned her  
9 master's degree in religion and became that school's first woman  
10 graduate; and

11           WHEREAS, Mrs. Nazro was hired in 1980 to direct St. Andrew's,  
12 and over the course of her tenure, the school expanded to include  
13 middle and upper grades, graduating its first 12th-grade class in  
14 2002; Mrs. Nazro's fund-raising efforts substantially increased  
15 the institution's capital and endowment funds, and she also played  
16 an instrumental role in planning and financing the Dell Fine Arts  
17 Center and a new chapel; and

18           WHEREAS, Under her dynamic leadership, the student body has  
19 become significantly more racially, ethnically, and  
20 socioeconomically diverse; in addition, over \$2 million in  
21 financial aid is conferred each year; moreover, Mrs. Nazro  
22 established an award-winning community service program in which  
23 students donate thousands of volunteer hours to a wide variety of  
24 local and national humanitarian and philanthropic organizations;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, This esteemed professional has benefited education  
3 at the state and national levels through her involvement in the  
4 Texas Association of Non-Public Schools, the Independent Schools  
5 Association of the Southwest, and the National Association of  
6 Episcopal Schools; and

7 WHEREAS, Admired and respected by her peers, Mrs. Nazro has  
8 been recognized with a number of honors, including Columbia  
9 University's Outstanding Head of School, the John Phillip Immroth  
10 Memorial Award from the American Library Association, the Texas  
11 Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Award, the National  
12 Distinguished Principals' Award, an honorary doctoral degree from  
13 the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, and an  
14 honorary degree of humane letters from the Berkeley Divinity School  
15 at Yale University; and

16 WHEREAS, Through all of her endeavors, Mrs. Nazro has enjoyed  
17 the love and support of her husband, the Reverend Arthur Nazro, Jr.,  
18 and her four children and four grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, Lucy Nazro demonstrated extraordinary dedication to  
20 educational excellence throughout her 32 years at St. Andrew's  
21 Episcopal School, and she leaves behind a legacy that will continue  
22 to benefit the school in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Lucy Collins Nazro on her  
25 retirement as the head of St. Andrew's Episcopal School and extend  
26 to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Mrs. Nazro as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
2 House of Representatives.