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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The year 2013 marks the 90th anniversary of the  
2 founding of Loretto Academy in El Paso; and

3           WHEREAS, The academy is an extension of the long tradition of  
4 educational and spiritual instruction that began when the Sisters  
5 of Loretto formed in 1812; this uniquely American religious order  
6 responded to the dire need for schools from the Kentucky frontier,  
7 across the Midwest, and into the Southwest, and members of the group  
8 moved to El Paso in the late 1800s; and

9           WHEREAS, Through the dedicated efforts of the first bishop of  
10 El Paso, Bishop Schuler, and Mother Praxedes Carty, funds and  
11 property were secured for the creation of a girls boarding school,  
12 and Loretto Academy opened its doors in 1923; the institution  
13 attracted young women from Mexico as well as the United States in  
14 1st through 12th grade; after Vatican II in the 1960s, the school  
15 expanded its mission through special ministries, reaching out to  
16 local gangs, the poor, the deaf, and the elderly; moreover, the  
17 sisters also tutored students, taught English as a second language,  
18 and provided educational opportunities for adults; and

19           WHEREAS, In 1975, the school transformed from a boarding  
20 school into a middle school; today, Loretto offers coeducational  
21 classes from prekindergarten to fifth grade and remains an  
22 all-girls institution from middle school through high school;  
23 rooted in the strong principles of its founders, the academy  
24 fosters leadership, meaningful relationships, academic excellence,

1 and a respect for diversity among its students; and

2           WHEREAS, For nine decades, Loretto Academy has equipped  
3 countless young Texans with a strong educational foundation, and it  
4 is indeed a pleasure to recognize the school at this point in its  
5 rich history; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby honor Loretto Academy on its 90th anniversary  
8 and extend to its administrators, faculty, staff, and students  
9 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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