

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 398

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Incarnate Word Academy of Brownsville on the occasion of its 160th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Incarnate Word Academy was established by four sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament from Lyon, France, on March 7, 1853; and

WHEREAS, The first Catholic school in Brownsville, the academy has since its inception been dedicated to providing a climate of learning and belief in service and has motivated students from throughout the region to commit themselves to academic excellence, a lifelong love of learning, and an awareness of the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, In its early years, the academy faced such challenges as border raids, yellow fever epidemics, hurricanes, and the Civil War, but the perseverance and sacrifice of the pioneering sisters served to overcome those obstacles and create an educational institution that has had a deep and enduring influence across the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, Today, the academy continues to offer a rigorous curriculum taught by dedicated teachers in order to prepare young men and women to face the tests of leadership in an ever-changing and complex society; it is truly fitting that this exceptional institution be recognized as it achieves this milestone in its history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the students, faculty, advisory council, and staff of Incarnate Word Academy on their commitment to academic excellence, congratulate them on their institution's 160 years of service, and extend to them best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the academy as an expression of esteem 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 4, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate