

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The El Paso Leadership Academy, a public charter
2 school in downtown El Paso, is celebrating its inaugural academic
3 year in 2014-2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Opened in September 2014, EPLA is a small,
5 tuition-free institution designed to better prepare area youth for
6 academic and professional success; the school is providing
7 instruction for sixth-grade students in its first year and will be
8 adding an additional grade in each successive year, until it
9 eventually serves grades 6 through 12; the student body is drawn
10 from the nine school districts in El Paso County and reflects the
11 region's socioeconomic diversity; and

12 WHEREAS, EPLA faculty and staff are dedicated to fostering a
13 culture that promotes high academic expectations and that ensures
14 student learning; after evaluating each student's interests, they
15 will be helping students to relate those interests to possible
16 college majors and careers through internships and the required
17 capstone project; the school will offer visits to a variety of
18 campuses, from the nearby University of Texas at El Paso to Ivy
19 League universities on the East Coast, and students will be
20 encouraged to take dual credit courses to increase their college
21 readiness and begin working toward a degree; and

22 WHEREAS, By inspiring area youth to reach their full
23 potential, the El Paso Leadership Academy is playing a crucial role
24 in the formation of a well-educated and ambitious local workforce

1 that will attract new industries and employment opportunities to
2 the region, and in so doing, it is making significant contributions
3 to the vitality and well-being of the El Paso area; now, therefore,
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the inaugural academic year of the
7 El Paso Leadership Academy and honor the school for its commitment
8 to serving the young people of El Paso; 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.

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H.R. No. 1889

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1889 was adopted by the House on May 7, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House