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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, St. Monica Catholic School in Dallas is celebrating
2 the 60th anniversary of its opening in 2015, and this significant
3 milestone offers a welcome opportunity to honor the school for its
4 commitment to providing excellent academic and spiritual
5 education; and

6 WHEREAS, Established in February 1954, St. Monica opened in
7 the fall of 1955 with 516 students and a staff composed of 5 lay
8 teachers and 11 members of the Bernadine Sisters; over the past six
9 decades, the school has helped to educate thousands of young Texans
10 from across North Dallas while making important contributions to
11 worthy causes within the local community; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, St. Monica offers an outstanding education
13 to more than 800 students in preschool, elementary, and junior high
14 classes, nurturing not only their academic growth but also their
15 moral, social, and physical development; this exemplary
16 institution is ably guided by principal Philip Riley, who is the
17 2015 recipient of the Distinguished Principal Award from the
18 National Catholic Educational Association; and

19 WHEREAS, St. Monica has been named a Blue Ribbon School of
20 Excellence, and the school has received accreditation from both the
21 Texas Catholic Conference Education Department and the Southern
22 Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and
23 School Improvement; and

24 WHEREAS, Each year, St. Monica sends a delegation of students

1 to Austin to enhance their understanding of state government;
2 during the 84th Legislative Session in 2015, 87 seventh-graders
3 from teacher Allison Tremblay's class visited the State Capitol to
4 learn more about the legislative process; and

5 WHEREAS, For more than six decades, the faculty and staff of
6 St. Monica Catholic School have committed themselves to meeting the
7 educational needs of their students, and the school has played a
8 vital role in helping many children build a bright and fulfilling
9 future; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the 60th anniversary of St. Monica
12 Catholic School and extend to all those associated with the school
13 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.