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H.R. No. 2389

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Radford School in El Paso is celebrating the 105th
2 anniversary of its opening in 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, Considered the oldest private school in the city,
4 Radford School was founded in 1910 as the El Paso School for Girls
5 by local businessmen and ranchers; in 1927, Dr. Lucinda de Leftwich
6 Templin, a native of Missouri, took the helm as principal; after
7 discovering that the school faced a substantial debt, she persuaded
8 her friends George A. and Julia Brown Radford to save it from
9 bankruptcy; the Radfords paid off the mortgage, saw to the
10 incorporation of the school, and remained generous benefactors over
11 the ensuing years; renamed the Radford School for Girls in the early
12 1930s, the institution assumed its present name in 1976, when it
13 became coed; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Templin had a profound influence on the
15 direction of the school throughout her 41-year tenure; often
16 remarking that there is "no easy road to education and no substitute
17 for character," she focused on providing students with a
18 well-rounded learning experience that included public speaking and
19 physical education in addition to challenging college preparatory
20 classes; and

21 WHEREAS, Today, Radford School serves a diverse student body
22 in grades pre-K through 12; while continuing to promote academic
23 achievement, the school also affords its students the opportunity
24 to balance their studies with a range of extracurricular

1 activities, including athletics and community service; in
2 addition, the school year is punctuated by a host of special events,
3 such as Spirit Week, the May Fete, the Fall Festival, and the winter
4 Operetta; and

5 WHEREAS, Alumni of Radford School have attained success in
6 myriad fields; among their number is Sandra Day O'Connor, who in
7 1981 became the first woman to be appointed to the United States
8 Supreme Court; and

9 WHEREAS, For more than a century, Radford School has promoted
10 its students' intellectual and social development, helping them to
11 build a foundation for a bright and fulfilling future; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
14 Legislature hereby commemorate the 105th anniversary of Radford
15 School and extend to all those associated with the school sincere
16 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.