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H.R. No. 2761

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, St. John the Apostle Catholic School in North
2 Richland Hills is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding
3 in 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Affiliated with St. John the Apostle Catholic
5 Church, the school opened in 1965 under the leadership of its first
6 principal, Anne Smith, with classes initially held in a temporary
7 building while the original eight classrooms were being
8 constructed; over the years, the campus has grown to include
9 numerous classrooms, a preschool building, a science room, a
10 library, a media center, and a gymnasium; in the fall of 2013, the
11 school adopted a new administration model, splitting duties between
12 the principal, Amy Felton, and a newly appointed president, David
13 Dean; and

14 WHEREAS, For a half-century, the school has maintained stable
15 enrollment and faculty, provided innovative programs and a relevant
16 curriculum, and consistently produced graduates equipped with the
17 knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in college and beyond;
18 many alumni have later returned to enroll their children at SJS,
19 demonstrating their commitment to a value-based Catholic
20 education; and

21 WHEREAS, The school earned full accreditation status and
22 several exemplary and outstanding ratings from the Texas Catholic
23 Conference in 1987, and this achievement was repeated in 1997 and in
24 2007; furthermore, in October 2008 the U.S. Department of Education

1 named SJS a Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School, making it the
2 first educational institution in Tarrant County to receive this
3 distinction; and

4 WHEREAS, Dedicated to providing a holistic education, the
5 faculty and staff of St. John the Apostle School are helping young
6 Texans to reach their full potential and to become engaged and
7 productive members of their community; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of St. John the
10 Apostle Catholic School and extend to its students, administration,
11 faculty, and staff sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
12 further

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