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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Rapoport Academy Public School in Waco is hosting a
- 2 ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 21, 2015, to celebrate the
- 3 restoration of the historic Bishop Joseph Gomez Building; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Named for a prominent bishop in the African
- 5 Methodist Episcopal Church, this building formerly served as the
- 6 administration building for Paul Quinn College, the oldest African
- 7 American liberal arts college in Texas; after the school relocated
- 8 to Dallas in 1990, the building was left empty, and it fell into
- 9 disrepair; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The renovation effort, which began in 2014, is the
- 11 fifth such project undertaken on Quinn Campus by Rapoport Academy,
- 12 a college preparatory charter school that serves nearly 800
- 13 students from prekindergarten through 12th grade; special care was
- 14 taken to retain the original appearance of the Gomez Building,
- 15 which will serve as the primary academic building for Meyer Public
- 16 High School; and
- WHEREAS, The renovation of the Gomez Building has preserved
- 18 an important part of Texas history while enabling the Rapoport
- 19 Academy to provide even more area students with a first-rate
- 20 education; now, therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
- 22 Legislature hereby commemorate the renovation of the Bishop Joseph
- 23 Gomez Building and commend Rapoport Academy Public School for its
- 24 ongoing efforts to repurpose such landmarks for the benefit of the

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- 1 community; and, be it further
- 2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 3 prepared for Rapoport Academy as an expression of high regard by the
- 4 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3113 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House