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H.R. No. 3113

R E S O L U T I O N

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

17 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

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.