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H.R. No. 42

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Katy Independent School District celebrated the  
2 opening of the new Catherine Bethke Elementary School in the fall of  
3 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, Recognizing the rapidly growing population in the  
5 area, Katy ISD began the construction of Bethke Elementary in 2015,  
6 and when the school officially opened its doors on August 22, 2016,  
7 it welcomed some 500 young Texans in kindergarten through fifth  
8 grade; and

9 WHEREAS, This state-of-the-art facility features 48  
10 classrooms that can accommodate approximately 1,000 students, as  
11 well as science labs, outdoor learning areas, an amphitheater, and  
12 a rock-climbing wall; moreover, the school employs the latest in  
13 technology, including tablets and smart boards, and uses learning  
14 equipment designed to better serve students with special needs; and

15 WHEREAS, The campus was named in honor of Catherine "Gigi"  
16 Bethke, who led a distinguished career with Katy ISD that spanned  
17 more than three decades; she began her tenure teaching kindergarten  
18 and first grade at Williamsburg Settlement Elementary School and  
19 later served on the faculties of Diane Winborn, Roosevelt  
20 Alexander, and Sue Creech Elementary Schools; in 2006, she was  
21 named Creech Elementary Campus Teacher of the Year and Walmart  
22 Teacher of the Year, and she was a finalist for Katy ISD Teacher of  
23 the Year; now retired, Ms. Bethke continues to contribute to the  
24 district as a part-time gifted and talented assessment proctor and

1 as a substitute teacher; and

2 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of principal Carrie Lowery,  
3 Bethke Elementary reflects Katy ISD's ongoing commitment to  
4 providing area schoolchildren with a solid educational foundation  
5 on which to build, and it is a welcome addition to the district and  
6 to the greater community; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commemorate the opening of Catherine Bethke  
9 Elementary School and extend to all those associated with this fine  
10 institution sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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