

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, St. Mary Catholic School in Gainesville celebrated  
2 its 125th anniversary in 2016; and

3           WHEREAS, Founded by the Benedictine Sisters in 1891, the  
4 school served 32 students in 1902, when the School Sisters of Notre  
5 Dame took charge of the six-room frame building; enrollment soon  
6 thereafter increased to 75, and the school began offering high  
7 school classes in 1905; its first senior class graduated the  
8 following year; and

9           WHEREAS, The present-day school building was completed in  
10 1948, becoming the first major structure erected in Gainesville  
11 following World War II; some three decades later, it was completely  
12 remodeled, and subsequently, a junior high section and a gymnasium  
13 were built; the School Sisters of Notre Dame withdrew from direct  
14 administration and classroom instruction in the 1980s; and

15           WHEREAS, In 2004, the Early Learning Childhood Center was  
16 added, and more recently, the lower elementary classrooms were  
17 renovated and equipped with updated technology; the school today  
18 provides a faith-based learning environment to children from  
19 prekindergarten through the eighth grade; and

20           WHEREAS, The education of young Texans is a vital enterprise,  
21 and for more than 125 years, the faculty and staff at St. Mary  
22 Catholic School have dedicated themselves to equipping students  
23 with a lifelong love of learning that will serve them well  
24 throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of St. Mary  
3 Catholic School and extend to all those associated with the  
4 institution sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
5 further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
8 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 760 was adopted by the House on March 16, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House