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H.R. No. 760

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

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.