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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The students, faculty, and staff of Alpha Omega 2 Academy in Huntsville are celebrating the school's 20th anniversary 3 and the graduation of its 16th class of seniors in 2017; and WHEREAS, Alpha Omega Academy was established by a group of 4 5 families in Huntsville who envisioned a Christ-centered school with a classical approach to education; in addition to integrating 6 7 scripture into its curriculum, Alpha Omega Academy seeks to instill in pupils a lifelong dedication to the pursuit of truth, moral 8 goodness, and aesthetic beauty and to enable them to reason 9 persuasively and to think critically, logically, and wisely; the 10 11 also offers а strong program of athletics 12 extracurricular activities to develop well-rounded students; and WHEREAS, The school first opened its doors in the fall of 13 14 1997, welcoming 27 students in first through eighth grade; classes were initially held in a strip mall on Lake Road and in a local 15 church; outgrowing its first locations within a few years, the 16 school began leasing space from the Fellowship of Huntsville Church 17 on Highway 30 West, and it soon purchased five adjacent acres on 18 which it established its own campus; and 19 20 WHEREAS, The first group of three Alpha Omega seniors 21 graduated in 2002, and more than 200 students have completed the program in the years since; still led by its original headmaster, 22 23 Paul Davidhizar, the school currently serves 411 students in

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kindergarten through 12th grade, and it will grant diplomas to

- 1 another 27 graduates in May 2017; and
- WHEREAS, In the course of its 20-year history, Alpha Omega
- 3 has been home to a National Merit Scholar and several National Merit
- 4 Commended Students; the grammar and junior high levels have fielded
- 5 competitive teams at the ACSI Math Olympics and at spelling bees and
- 6 speech meets; the drama department has participated in one-act play
- 7 competitions, and individual students have placed first or second
- 8 in state in solo and duet acting; moreover, music and art students
- 9 have earned superior ratings in solo and ensemble contests and art
- 10 competitions; the baseball team won the TAPPS 1A state championship
- 11 several years in a row, and the school's golf team was the state
- 12 champion for the fifth time in the spring of 2015; and
- WHEREAS, For the past two decades, Alpha Omega Academy has
- 14 given many young Texans a strong academic foundation on which to
- 15 build, and the school is indeed deserving of recognition on this
- 16 important milestone in its history; now, therefore, be it
- 17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 18 Legislature hereby honor Alpha Omega Academy on the occasion of its
- 19 20th anniversary and congratulate the members of the school's Class
- 20 of 2017 on their graduation; and, be it further
- 21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 22 prepared for the academy as an expression of high regard by the
- 23 Texas House of Representatives.