

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, St. Anthony School in Robstown is commemorating the
2 100th anniversary of its founding with a multiclass reunion and
3 centennial celebration on April 29, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, The school was established in 1916 by the Venerable
5 Mother Julia Navarrete; born in Oaxaca, Mexico, on June 30, 1881,
6 she organized the Missionary Sisters of the Most Pure Virgin Mary at
7 the age of 19 and went on to personally found some 45 convents in her
8 home country; when the Mexican Revolution made it unsafe for the
9 sisters to practice their religion, she and other members of the
10 order moved to Kingsville, and she resumed her important work in the
11 Lone Star State; and

12 WHEREAS, St. Anthony School initially served 20 students who
13 were the children of Mexican migrant farmworkers; as the Robstown
14 community changed over the years, so did the school, which
15 constructed a new facility in the mid-1960s; by 1997, the school had
16 expanded to include programs for prekindergarten through eighth
17 grade; and

18 WHEREAS, Today St. Anthony School continues to serve a
19 predominately Hispanic student population; in addition to teaching
20 the traditional subjects, the school uses computer technology to
21 enhance learning and to equip students with skills needed to
22 succeed; with the support of devoted alumni, families, and
23 teachers, the school remains a source of estimable faith-based
24 instruction and inspiration; and

1 WHEREAS, Paying tribute to St. Anthony's rich history, the
2 centennial celebration and reunion begins with a school carnival
3 and campus tour; these events are followed with a Mass led by Father
4 Gerry Sheehan as well as presentations by two special guest
5 speakers: Sister Maxie Cruz, a nun who tended to Mother Julia
6 Navarrete during her final days in Toluca, Mexico, and former
7 St. Anthony Church parish pastor Monsignor Seamus McGowan; and

8 WHEREAS, For a century, St. Anthony School has provided a
9 number of young Texans with a strong educational foundation, and it
10 is indeed deserving of recognition for its invaluable contributions
11 to the Robstown community; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of
14 St. Anthony School in Robstown and extend to its administrators,
15 faculty, staff, students, and alumni sincere best wishes for the
16 future; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1509

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1509 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House