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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Central High School in Galveston is commemorating
2 the 132nd anniversary of its founding with a three-day celebration
3 on June 18-20, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, The first African American high school in Texas,
5 Central High School was organized in 1885 and operated in its
6 earliest years first in rented quarters on 16th Street and then at a
7 location on 15th Street; in 1893, a dedicated six-classroom
8 facility designed by famed architect Nicholas Clayton was
9 constructed on Avenue M, and a new wing was later added to
10 accommodate the growing student population; this space housed the
11 school until it transitioned in 1954 to its final location between
12 31st and 33rd Streets; and

13 WHEREAS, Following the integration of Galveston public
14 schools, Central High was closed in 1968; the Old Central Cultural
15 Center was established in 1974 in the former school building on
16 Avenue M, and it continues to serve as a landmark to preserve the
17 legacy of this historic institution, which provided vital
18 educational opportunities to more than 40,000 young men and women
19 during its 83 years of operation; and

20 WHEREAS, Central High School remains an important part of the
21 rich heritage of the city of Galveston, and the anniversary of its
22 establishment offers a welcome occasion to recognize its many
23 significant contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore,
24 be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the 132nd anniversary of the
3 founding of Central High School in Galveston and extend to all those
4 associated with the institution sincere best wishes for a memorable
5 event.