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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Mary McLeod Bethune Day Nursery in Corpus
2 Christi is marking the 75th anniversary of its founding in 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1942, a group of concerned area citizens,
4 including Bernice Leonard and the Reverend B. E. Joshua, came
5 together to discuss establishing a day care; the need for such a
6 facility was particularly acute in the community, where many
7 parents worked away from the home and were forced to leave younger
8 children in the care of older siblings; a small frame house was
9 purchased to serve as the new center, which was named in honor of
10 Mary McLeod Bethune, a prominent African American educator and
11 civic leader; and

12 WHEREAS, The Mary McLeod Bethune Day Nursery was incorporated
13 on February 9, 1942; donations of money and food were collected from
14 churches, clubs, and other members of the community, and volunteers
15 were recruited to look after the children; through the years, this
16 vital resource has been sustained by the generosity of numerous
17 individuals, foundations, civic organizations, corporations, and
18 volunteers, and their combined efforts and support have enabled it
19 to expand its facilities while continuing to offer excellent child
20 care; and

21 WHEREAS, Through its presence as a safe and nurturing
22 environment for area children, the Bethune Day Nursery has helped
23 countless families pursue a better quality of life, and it is a
24 pleasure to join in celebrating another milestone in its history;

1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate the Mary McLeod Bethune Day Nursery
4 on the 75th anniversary of its founding and extend to all those
5 affiliated with the center sincere best wishes for the future; and,
6 be it further

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