

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A group of exchange students from Germany is
2 visiting Austin through a partnership with Summitt Elementary
3 School, and it is a pleasure to extend to them a warm welcome as they
4 tour the State Capitol on April 23, 2019; and

5 WHEREAS, Summitt Elementary and Schenkendorf Schule
6 established their long-running partnership soon after a sister city
7 relationship was initialized in the fall of 1992 between Austin and
8 Koblenz, a historic city in western Germany with a population of
9 around 112,000; Summitt teachers Renata Anderson and Diane
10 Mansfield gave a fourth-grade class the assignment to paint
11 pictures to be presented as gifts to visiting delegates from
12 Koblenz, who were so impressed by the gesture that they invited the
13 students to travel to their city in the summer of 1993;
14 Ms. Mansfield and 20 of her students made the trip, which sparked
15 the friendship with Schenkendorf Schule that continues to this day;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Since their partnership began, Summitt Elementary
18 and Schenkendorf Schule have alternated hosting the exchange every
19 year; traveling abroad provides the students with the opportunity
20 to make new friends, learn more about the culture and customs of
21 another country, and practice their language skills in an immersive
22 environment; and

23 WHEREAS, The exchange program between Summitt Elementary and
24 Schenkendorf Schule has greatly enriched the vibrant sister city

1 relationship enjoyed by the schools' respective communities, and it
2 is most fitting to acknowledge the young people who have chosen to
3 take part in this exciting experience; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor the students from Koblenz, Germany, who
6 are visiting as part of the exchange program with Summitt
7 Elementary School and extend to them sincere best wishes for a fun
8 and memorable stay in Austin; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
10 for the students as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
11 of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 753

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 753 was adopted by the House on March 21, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House