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H.R. No. 753

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.