

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bess Brannen Elementary School in the Brazosport
2 Independent School District is celebrating its 50th anniversary on
3 March 22, 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, Opened in October of the 1968-1969 school year, Bess
5 Brannen Elementary was named in honor of an educator who taught in
6 the Velasco schools, as well as in Lake Jackson's first elementary
7 and junior high schools; and

8 WHEREAS, Located in Lake Jackson, Brannen Elementary now
9 serves more than 570 students from prekindergarten through fourth
10 grade, and it has expanded significantly through the years to
11 accommodate growing enrollment; originally under 33,000 square
12 feet, the campus has undergone multiple renovations, and the
13 numerous improvements have included the addition of more than
14 14,000 square feet of classroom space; a bond referendum passed in
15 2014 has provided funding for a new facility set to open in 2020;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Since its establishment, Brannen Elementary has
18 been guided by only three principals, Nancy Williams, Johnnie
19 McWilliams, and Julie Evans, who leads the campus today; the school
20 ranks among the state's top elementary schools, having earned the
21 maximum number of Texas Education Agency distinctions for two
22 consecutive years; and

23 WHEREAS, The education of young Texans is a matter of
24 critical importance to the future of the Lone Star State, and for

1 the past half-century, Bess Brannen Elementary School has provided
2 its students with a strong foundation on which to build; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of Bess Brannen
6 Elementary School and extend to its administrators, faculty, staff,
7 and students sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
8 further

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

Bonnen of Brazoria

H.R. No. 827

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 827 was adopted by the House on March 20, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House