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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Katy Independent School District is celebrating
2 the dedication of its Martha Lopez Aki ECI Project TYKE facility on
3 October 18, 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Formerly the L. D. Robinson Pavilion, the remodeled
5 25,000-square-foot building provides a thoughtfully designed
6 center for the Early Childhood Intervention Project Teach Your Kids
7 Early program, previously housed on campuses across the district;
8 it includes classrooms, therapy rooms, evaluation rooms, offices,
9 and other spaces, and it features inspiring murals as well as new
10 technology, including smart panels, projection screens, and an
11 enhanced security system; and

12 WHEREAS, The facility is named after Martha Aki, who oversaw
13 the district's Early Childhood Intervention Project Teach Your Kids
14 Early program for nearly three decades before her retirement in
15 2020; Project TYKE assists children with developmental delays or
16 disabilities and their families, providing necessary support and
17 resources in a dynamic, personalized process that reflects the
18 preferences, learning styles, cultural beliefs, and priorities of
19 individual children and their families; and

20 WHEREAS, Under the innovative leadership of Ms. Aki, Project
21 TYKE developed a group coaching model that proved so effective,
22 especially for children on the autism spectrum, that her team was
23 frequently called upon to host training events for ECI programs
24 across the state; she also served as chair of the Texas Council of

1 ECI Program Directors Consortia, facilitating a productive
2 relationship between Texas ECI program directors and the Health and
3 Human Services ECI state staff; in addition, she was a member of the
4 Katy ISD Special Education Leadership Team and worked with state
5 legislators and Texans Care for Children on initiatives benefiting
6 ECI children; she was recently appointed to the advisory board of
7 the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education
8 Standards; and

9 WHEREAS, High-quality early intervention improves outcomes
10 for children, families, and communities, and this splendid new
11 facility will allow the staff of ECI Project TYKE to provide even
12 more effective services; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
14 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the dedication
15 of the Martha Lopez Aki ECI Project TYKE facility and extend to the
16 program's staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the program as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.