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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Lamar High School received a 2021 Landmark Award 2 from the *Houston Business Journal*, providing a fitting opportunity 3 to celebrate the completion of the school's innovative new building 4 and extensive renovations to its original campus; and

5 WHEREAS, The Landmark Awards recognize outstanding real 6 estate projects that make a significant impact on the Houston 7 landscape and help sculpt the look, feel, and image of the city; 8 Lamar High School was honored in the education category, and it was 9 judged on its innovative interiors, use of land, and visual plan, as 10 well as for being environmentally friendly; and

11 WHEREAS, Funded by the Houston Independent School District's 12 2012 bond program, the \$122 million Lamar High redesign features a new four-story building that houses a gym, natatorium, band hall, 13 14 black box theater, and banquet hall; the addition of a five-story parking garage created space for a full-size track, two tennis 15 courts, and football, baseball, and softball fields; moreover, the 16 main building of the original campus was renovated to preserve its 17 architecturally significant art deco design, and the updated 18 facility includes a childcare wing, welcome center, and ROTC and 19 Career and Technical Education classrooms; and 20

21 WHEREAS, Lamar High is an International Baccalaureate school 22 that provides diverse groups of students with a rigorous 23 educational program and a broad range of extracurricular 24 activities; the school's new building is organized into "academic

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1 neighborhoods" that will allow for the instructional model to shift 2 to a more interdisciplinary and project-based approach, helping to 3 foster a learning environment that can be tailored to meet 4 individual needs; and

5 WHEREAS, Lamar High School is dedicated to preparing area 6 youth for the challenges and opportunities that await them in a 7 rapidly changing world, and the new campus enhancements reflect the 8 community's enduring commitment to the school and its vital 9 mission; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas 11 Legislature hereby congratulate Lamar High School on its receipt of 12 a 2021 Landmark Award from the *Houston Business Journal* and extend 13 to all those associated with the campus sincere best wishes for 14 continued success; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 16 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas 17 House of Representatives.

A. Johnson of Harris

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1165 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House