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H.R. No. 1165

R E S O L U T I O N

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
13 new four-story building that houses a gym, natatorium, band hall,
14 black box theater, and banquet hall; the addition of a five-story
15 parking garage created space for a full-size track, two tennis
16 courts, and football, baseball, and softball fields; moreover, the
17 main building of the original campus was renovated to preserve its
18 architecturally significant art deco design, and the updated
19 facility includes a childcare wing, welcome center, and ROTC and
20 Career and Technical Education classrooms; and

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

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.