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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Odyssey Academy on the occasion of the school's 25th anniversary, which is being celebrated on October 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Odyssey Academy was established in 1998 when Robert A. Mosbacher Sr., the founder of Mosbacher Energy Company and a former United States secretary of commerce, secured a charter for the school from the Texas State Board of Education; the following year, Odyssey Academy opened as an open-enrollment, public middle school; the academy soon grew to encompass prekindergarten through eighth grade classes, and in 2009, the current Galveston campus was established; high school grades were added in 2013, and the school produced its first graduating class four years later; and

WHEREAS, Odyssey Academy features a curriculum focused on the development of leadership and problem-solving skills, with an emphasis on the STEAM subjects of science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics; moreover, the school offers dual credit and early college programs that allow students to earn college credit or an associate's degree while completing high school; and

WHEREAS, Over the past eight years, Odyssey Academy has expanded its reach by adding additional locations; in 2015, it launched the Bay Area campus in El Lago, which serves

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prekindergarten through seventh grade students across 14 school districts, and in 2020, it opened the Texas City campus, which offers prekindergarten through eighth grade classes; and

WHEREAS, For a quarter century, Odyssey Academy has provided young Texans with a solid educational foundation that enables them to reach their full potential and become productive and engaged members of their communities, and the school is indeed deserving of recognition as it celebrates this special milestone in its history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend all who have contributed to Odyssey Academy's proud legacy of excellence in education and extend to all congratulations on the school's 25th anniversary and best wishes for continued success in the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Odyssey Academy as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.