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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, West University Elementary School in the Houston
2 Independent School District is marking its 100th anniversary in
3 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1925, West U Elementary was founded to
5 accommodate the rapid growth of the newly established West
6 University Place community, an autonomous city located within
7 Houston; prominent regional architect Lamar Cato designed the
8 school's original Spanish Renaissance-style building, which was
9 completed in 1928 with funding from a \$55,000 bond; for nearly two
10 decades, Pershing Junior High was also housed in the facility
11 before that school's relocation in 1949; and

12 WHEREAS, By the 1970s, West U Elementary began to experience
13 significant deterioration, motivating a group of dedicated parents
14 and community members to initiate a successful revitalization
15 campaign; the school's attendance zone expanded to include the
16 Sunset Terrace and Montclair neighborhoods in 1994, and a
17 \$9.6 million bond project that added 25,000 square feet of new
18 learning space began a decade later; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, West U Elementary is ably guided by its
20 principal, Scott Disch, and it serves approximately 1,200 students
21 from pre-K to fifth grade; it offers a Vanguard Neighborhood
22 program for gifted and talented learners as well as a dynamic system
23 of support through its special education program; and

24 WHEREAS, During the 2025-2026 school year, West U

1 Elementary's anniversary celebrations will be led by PTO centennial
2 co-chair Lauren Sanders and will include a parade, a homecoming
3 game at Rice University, a teacher reunion, and a gala; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the past century, West University Elementary
5 School has provided generations of young Texans with an education
6 that has enriched them both academically and personally, and in so
7 doing, it has made important contributions to the Lone Star State;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
10 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commemorate the centennial
11 of West University Elementary School and extend to all those
12 associated with the institution sincere best wishes for the future;
13 and, be it further

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