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H.R. No. 149

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Cathedral High School in El Paso is celebrating its  
2 100th anniversary in 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded by the Brothers of the Christian Schools  
4 Catholic teaching order, Cathedral High School opened its doors on  
5 September 8, 1925, under the leadership of Principal Brother Ernest  
6 Cocagne, Brother Edward Bernard, and Brother Charles Frieden; by  
7 1933, the school's enrollment had grown from 45 to 200 students, and  
8 it continued to operate out of the El Paso Community Center  
9 alongside a separate grade school until acquiring sole use of the  
10 facility in 1940; and

11 WHEREAS, Cathedral experienced significant financial decline  
12 during the 1960s, leading the Brothers of the Christian Schools to  
13 order the departure of its members; despite the directive, Brothers  
14 Stephen Tessandier and Amedy Long, as well as many others, chose to  
15 stay and revitalize the school alongside Bishop Sidney Metzger and  
16 a dedicated coalition of parents, alumni, and community members;  
17 their efforts were successful, and by the 1980s, the institution  
18 was the only all-boys private religious school remaining in El  
19 Paso; and

20 WHEREAS, Over the course of the ensuing decades, Cathedral  
21 developed a reputation for academic excellence through an  
22 innovative dual-enrollment program and a variety of educational  
23 partnerships; today, the school is part of the Roman Catholic  
24 Diocese of El Paso, and it offers an integrative science,

1 technology, religion, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STREAM)  
2 curriculum while continuing to uphold its proud tradition of  
3 Lasallian education, which emphasizes each student's cultural,  
4 intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual development; the  
5 institution benefits from the able leadership of principal Adolfo  
6 Sanchez, and its efforts are further supported by its alumni  
7 association, which raises scholarship funds for current students  
8 and organizes alumni gatherings; and

9 WHEREAS, For the past century, Cathedral High School has  
10 provided generations of students with a strong foundation on which  
11 to build productive and fulfilling lives, and it is a pleasure to  
12 join in marking this special milestone in its history; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
15 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 100th  
16 anniversary of Cathedral High School and extend to all those  
17 affiliated with the institution sincere best wishes for continued  
18 success; and, be it further

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