

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Since 1950, the Freemasons of the Grand Lodge of
2 Texas have designated a week in March to pay tribute to our public
3 school system; and

4 WHEREAS, Many of the state's earliest leaders were Masons who
5 led the movement for public education; these included
6 Stephen F. Austin and Mirabeau B. Lamar, nicknamed the "Father of
7 Texas Education" for successfully advocating for a permanent
8 endowment to support public education; thanks to his efforts, such
9 a fund continues to supplement the education budget today; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to their influence in shaping policy,
11 Freemasons also established schools across Texas, often opening the
12 doors of their lodges to any person with a desire for learning; they
13 championed access to education for all at a crucial point in Texas
14 history, and that dedication to public schools has remained an
15 important focus of the organization; current members contribute to
16 their communities by recognizing teachers with awards and providing
17 scholarships to deserving students; and

18 WHEREAS, Texas public schools prepare a diverse student
19 population for the unique challenges of the 21st century, and the
20 success of these institutions relies on the hard work and
21 cooperation of numerous professionals and volunteers alike; and

22 WHEREAS, A quality education is vital to the prosperity of
23 individuals, families, communities, and the entire state, and it is
24 indeed appropriate to pause and acknowledge the contributions of

1 public schools to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 6 through 10, 2023, as Texas
4 Public Schools Week and honor the members of the Masonic Grand Lodge
5 of Texas for their commitment to these public institutions; and, be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the Grand Lodge of Texas as an expression of high
9 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Allen	Guillen	Neave Criado
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Anchía	Harris of Anderson	Oliverson
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Bell of Montgomery	Hernandez	Paul
Bernal	Herrero	Perez
Bhojani	Hinojosa	Plesa
Bonnen	Holland	Price
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Bryant	Hull	Raney
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Bucy	Isaac	Reynolds
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Burns	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
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Campos	Jones of Harris	Schatzline
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Capriglione	King of Hemphill	Shaheen
Clardy	King of Uvalde	Sherman, Sr.
Cole	Kitzman	Shine
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Cook	Kuempel	Slawson
Cortez	Lalani	Smith
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Cunningham	Landgraf	Spiller
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Davis	Leo-Wilson	Swanson
Dean	Longoria	Talarico
DeAyala	Lopez of Bexar	Tepper
Dorazio	Lopez of Cameron	Thierry
Dutton	Lozano	Thimesch
Flores	Lujan	Thompson of Brazoria
Frank	Manuel	Thompson of Harris
Frazier	Martinez	Tinderholt
Gamez	Martinez Fischer	Toth
Garcia	Metcalf	Troxclair
Gates	Meyer	Turner
Gerdes	Meza	VanDeaver
Geren	Moody	Vasut
Gervin-Hawkins	Morales of Harris	Vo
Goldman	Morales of Maverick	Walle
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H.R. No. 154

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 154 was adopted by the House on March 6, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House