

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 611**

**WHEREAS**, Education foundations serve as a valuable resource for school districts across the Lone Star State; and

**WHEREAS**, Based on a model developed by Dr. Pete Karabatsos, education foundations are structured as tax-exempt nonprofit organizations and managed by a volunteer board of directors representing local businesses and civic organizations; the foundations share a common mission to support the school systems they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, Among their many contributions, education foundations host various events to secure funds for a wide range of initiatives, including innovative classroom approaches, educator and student learning projects, and professional development programs; they also connect school districts with the wider community by creating partnerships with alumni, public figures, parents, corporations, and philanthropists; and

**WHEREAS**, Since its establishment in 2012, the Texas Education Foundation Network has helped local education foundations provide networking opportunities, facilitate sharing of best practices, and provide training and resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Education foundations play an essential role in equipping school districts with the tools they need to succeed, and in so doing, they are contributing immeasurably to the future of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend education foundations in Texas and extend to all those associated with the organizations sincere best wishes for continued success with their important work.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate