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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Marble Falls Independent School District has
been awarded a Texas Early Education Model (TEEM) Pre-Kindergarten
School Readiness grant by the Texas Education Agency; and
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WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Superintendent Dr. Ryder Warren, Marble Falls ISD serves the communities of Marble Falls, Meadowlakes, Granite Shoals, Highland Haven, Cottonwood, Fairland, Smithwick, Horseshoe Bay South, and Spicewood; more than 3,800 students attend its four elementary schools, one middle school, and two high schools; and

WHEREAS, The generous TEA grant, worth \$200,555, will be used by the district to improve school readiness services for young children using a research-based framework developed by the State Center for Early Childhood Development; moreover, it will allow the district to participate in the center's development and validation of the Texas School Readiness Certification System; and

WHEREAS, Designed to prepare students for success in kindergarten, pre-kindergarten programs help develop language, mathematics, and social skills; high-quality pre-K has been shown to be a cost-effective way to reduce grade repetition and special education placements, as well as to be a factor in achieving long-term benefits such as high school graduation; and

WHEREAS, Marble Falls ISD is home to a vibrant and growing student population, and the TEEM Pre-Kindergarten School Readiness grant will undoubtedly enhance the district's ability to address

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- 1 the specific needs of its youngest and most vulnerable children;
- 2 now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 4 Legislature hereby congratulate the Marble Falls Independent
- 5 School District on its receipt of a Texas Early Education Model
- 6 Pre-Kindergarten School Readiness grant and extend to all those
- 7 affiliated with the district's pre-K program sincere best wishes
- 8 for the future; and, be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 10 prepared for the Marble Falls Independent School District as an
- 11 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Howard of Travis Aycock

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1394 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House