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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the organization Women of Tocqueville are
2 joining many concerned citizens from across Texas to commemorate
3 Prekindergarten Day at the State Capitol on February 17, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Children who attend prekindergarten enter school
5 better prepared socially, emotionally, and intellectually; pre-k
6 programs have been shown to have a positive impact on high school
7 graduation rates, promoting a culture of learning and a standard
8 for educational achievement; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition, prekindergarten programs build a
10 foundation for students in reading, math, science, and technology
11 that will help pave the way for future success; and

12 WHEREAS, With the recent downturn in the economy, working
13 families are struggling more than ever to make ends meet, including
14 covering the high costs of child care; access to high-quality
15 prekindergarten allows parents to work without incurring the
16 expense of child care, thereby enabling individuals to contribute
17 their skills to the Texas workforce and to increase their financial
18 stability; and

19 WHEREAS, The Women of Tocqueville have contributed
20 commendable support for prekindergarten programs, recognizing that
21 children need a nurturing, structured environment early on to
22 develop the study skills and work habits that are essential to a
23 successful academic career and to greater opportunity; now,
24 therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize February 17, 2009, as Prekindergarten
3 Day and welcome the Women of Tocqueville to the State Capitol.