

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 724

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Texas Institute for Educational Robotics in celebrating the week of May 4 through 8, 2009, as Texas Educational Robotics Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, Texas and the United States face a critical shortage of engineers and technical workers; and

WHEREAS, Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education is crucial in maintaining the position of the United States as a leader in a global technology-based economy; and

WHEREAS, It is important to educate our community about the need for more individuals to enter these types of careers and encourage minority groups to pursue these fields of study; and

WHEREAS, Partnerships between local school districts, nontraditional education groups, and other organizations will be needed to bring together the required human resources to solve this crisis; and

WHEREAS, Nonprofit and volunteer-driven organizations are already achieving significant progress toward the goal of greater scientific and technological literacy; and

WHEREAS, Texas Educational Robotics Awareness Week is an excellent opportunity for students to demonstrate their achievements in robotics and for the public to learn more about this exciting field; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby proclaim the week of May 4 through 8, 2009, as Texas Educational Robotics Awareness Week; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Texas Educational Robotics Awareness Week.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 27, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate