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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The third annual Early College High School Week is
2 being commemorated March 20-26, 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, Blending high school and college curricula, Early
4 College High Schools offer traditionally underserved students an
5 opportunity to earn as much as two years, or 60 hours, of college
6 credit before receiving their diplomas; classes are available in
7 all disciplines, while a special emphasis is placed on science,
8 math, engineering, health care, biotechnology, and technology; and

9 WHEREAS, The programs provide access to free higher education
10 for first-generation college students, and participants receive
11 intensive academic counseling to help them develop skills essential
12 for success; in addition to increasing college attendance and
13 completion rates, the schools aim to strengthen the connection
14 between all educational levels while promoting a statewide
15 college-going culture; and

16 WHEREAS, A pioneer in opening the institutions, Texas serves
17 more than 10,000 students in 44 Early College High Schools and 5
18 blended Early College High School/Texas Science, Technology,
19 Engineering, and Mathematics (T-STEM) Academies; the Lone Star
20 State has also played an integral role in shaping the development of
21 the national early college initiative; and

22 WHEREAS, Early College High Schools are contributing to the
23 success of our state and nation, providing a new generation of
24 college students with an outstanding education and a strong

1 foundation for the future; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 20-26, 2011, as Early College
4 High School Week and extend to all those associated with the schools
5 sincere best wishes for continued success with their important
6 work.