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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud administrators, teachers, parents, and
2 community members from the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School
3 District are gathering in Austin on May 3, 2011, to celebrate
4 Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Day at the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD was founded in 1939 with the
6 consolidation of the Cypress and Fairbanks school systems; over the
7 years, it has experienced phenomenal growth, transitioning from a
8 rural to a suburban district, and today, with more than 106,000
9 students, it is the third-largest school district in the state; the
10 district encompasses 186 square miles in Harris County and
11 maintains 83 campuses and special program facilities; and

12 WHEREAS, Dedicated to academic excellence, Cypress-Fairbanks
13 received its third consecutive Recognized rating from the Texas
14 Education Agency in 2010, and it is the largest school district in
15 Texas to hold that designation; moreover, 97 percent of its
16 individual schools rank as either Recognized or Exemplary, a
17 reflection of their students' outstanding performance on the TAKS
18 test and the schools' low dropout rates; CFISD consistently
19 maintains high graduation rates while serving a racially and
20 economically diverse population, and in 2009, it had the highest
21 graduation rate among the nation's 50 largest school districts; and

22 WHEREAS, Since July 1, 2004, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD has been
23 ably led by Superintendent David Anthony; he heads a staff of more
24 than 13,600 accomplished administrators, teachers, and support

1 personnel, who are deeply committed to the success of the area's
2 young people; in addition, the district receives stellar assistance
3 from parents, patrons, and business partners who volunteer their
4 time and resources to help the district achieve its goals; and

5 WHEREAS, Cypress-Fairbanks strives to maintain high
6 educational standards while remaining fiscally responsible; for
7 the 2010-2011 school year, CFISD was able to pass a balanced budget
8 while still providing a 5.5 percent teacher salary increase that
9 will help it to retain its quality staff; in 2010, the district
10 received the highest rating from the office of the Texas
11 comptroller of public accounts for its academic and financial
12 performance; additionally, the Education Resource Group ranks
13 Cypress-Fairbanks in the top one percent of the most efficient
14 Texas school districts, and *American School and University* magazine
15 has reported that it was the fifth most efficient district out of
16 the 100 largest school districts in the nation for 1998-2008; and

17 WHEREAS, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD has established a standard of
18 excellence that is truly impressive, and the quality education that
19 it provides its students is of benefit not only to them and to its
20 community but also to the entire Lone Star State; now, therefore, be
21 it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize May 3, 2011, as Cypress-Fairbanks
24 Independent School District Day at the State Capitol and extend
25 sincere best wishes to all those in attendance for an enjoyable
26 visit to Austin; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for the district as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.