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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Since July 1, 2004, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD has been
22 ably led by Superintendent David Anthony; he heads a staff of more
23 than 13,600 accomplished administrators, teachers, and support
24 personnel, who are deeply committed to the success of the area's

1 young people; in addition, the district receives stellar assistance
2 from parents, patrons, and business partners who volunteer their
3 time and resources to help the district achieve its goals; and

4 WHEREAS, Cypress-Fairbanks strives to maintain high
5 educational standards while remaining fiscally responsible; the
6 district received the highest rating from the Office of the Texas
7 Comptroller of Public Accounts for its academic and financial
8 performance; additionally, the Education Resource Group ranks
9 Cypress-Fairbanks in the top one percent of the most efficient
10 Texas school districts, and *American School and University* magazine
11 has reported that it was the fifth most efficient district out of
12 the 100 largest school districts in the nation for 1998-2008; and

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

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

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for the district as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.