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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Advocates in behalf of children, education, and
2 community development are gathering in Austin on March 26, 2013,
3 for Texas Partnership for Out of School Time Day at the Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas Partnership for Out of School Time
5 (TXPOST) is a nonprofit statewide collaboration between public and
6 private organizations dedicated to promoting out of school time
7 programs for school-age children; formed in the fall of 2011 with
8 funding from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, TXPOST now
9 coordinates seven regional networks and is leading a statewide
10 initiative to develop voluntary quality standards; and

11 WHEREAS, Out of school time programs take place before and
12 after school, on weekends, and during the summer; there are many
13 benefits to engaging students during these times, including the
14 fact that after-school programs can improve children's personal,
15 social, and academic skills, raise their self-esteem, and reduce
16 disciplinary issues during school; moreover, a recent study of the
17 Texas Afterschool Centers on Education indicated that
18 participating in such programs had a positive and significant
19 effect on students' standardized test scores in reading and math;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Keeping young Texans engaged during out of school
22 times also helps keep them safer; one reason why these programs are
23 critical is, because the hours between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. are the
24 peak hours for juvenile crime, school-age children are seven times

1 more likely to be the victim of a violent crime after school; while
2 68 percent of Texas school-age children live in households in which
3 their guardians are in the workforce, only 15 percent of children
4 participate in after-school programs, leaving many young people
5 with unstructured and potentially unsupervised time; and

6 WHEREAS, By increasing the quality and availability of out of
7 school time programs, TXPOST is investing in the future of young
8 Texans, offering them opportunities to learn and grow in a safe
9 environment; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize March 26, 2013, as Texas Partnership
12 for Out of School Time Day at the Capitol and commend all those
13 associated with TXPOST for their commitment to the students of the
14 Lone Star State.