

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Supporters of the Knowledge Is Power Program, a
2 national network of public charter schools, are gathering in Austin
3 on March 5, 2013, for KIPP Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, KIPP was founded in 1994 by Mike Feinberg and Dave
5 Levin, two Teach For America alumni who decided to start a
6 fifth-grade public school program in Houston; the following year,
7 Mr. Feinberg launched a middle school in the same city and Mr. Levin
8 began one in the Bronx; specifically seeking to prepare
9 underprivileged and at-risk children for the challenges and
10 opportunities they will face in high school, college, and beyond,
11 these schools became success stories in their communities; and

12 WHEREAS, The two founders of KIPP partnered with Doris and
13 Donald Fisher to create the KIPP Foundation, which would fund KIPP
14 schools on a nationwide scale; in addition to middle schools, they
15 established elementary and high schools, all of them locally
16 managed and independently operated; they are tuition-free and open
17 to all, funded through federal, state, and local sources, and held
18 to state and federal academic standards; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, there are 125 KIPP schools in 20 states and
20 the District of Columbia, and they have a combined enrollment of
21 more than 41,000; more than 87 percent of the student population is
22 from low-income families and more than 95 percent are racial
23 minorities; after attending KIPP middle schools, more than 90
24 percent of these students go on to graduate from high school and

1 more than 80 percent attend college; and

2 WHEREAS, To foster a strong culture of learning, KIPP schools
3 build a partnership between parents, students, and teachers, and
4 the schools promote character formation along with academics;
5 longer school days and high expectations help students reach their
6 goals; and

7 WHEREAS, Providing a strong primary and secondary school
8 foundation is an endeavor in which all Texans have a stake, and KIPP
9 is indeed worthy of commendation for redefining what is possible in
10 educational achievement; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2013, as KIPP Day at the State
13 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes
14 for an informative and enjoyable trip to Austin.

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Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
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Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
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Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
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Canales	Kacal	Ritter
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Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
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Dale	Larson	Smith
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Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
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Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 646

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 646 was adopted by the House on March 5, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House