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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Teach For America Week is bringing leaders from a
2 variety of sectors to serve as guest teachers across the Rio Grande
3 Valley from March 18 to 22, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Launched in 1990, Teach For America began with a
5 charter corps of 500 recent college graduates committed to
6 eliminating education inequality; by recruiting and training
7 highly motivated educators, the organization has worked to bridge
8 achievement gaps in some of the nation's most disadvantaged
9 communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Just one year after the founding of TFA, the program
11 was established in the Rio Grande Valley, and since its inception,
12 it has invited more than 1,200 professionals to teach at South Texas
13 schools; moreover, some 29,000 area students are taught by
14 dedicated TFA participants annually; and

15 WHEREAS, Since 2008, Teach For America Rio Grande Valley has
16 been guided by executive director Robert Carreon, who previously
17 served as program director and as manager of teacher development
18 and strategy; and

19 WHEREAS, Teach For America Week was created in 1997 to allow
20 some of the country's most accomplished individuals to share their
21 knowledge and insight with students; business and community leaders
22 visit classrooms to teach lessons based on their real-world
23 experience in diverse fields; and

24 WHEREAS, Teach For America Week underscores the vital

1 importance of well-rounded, high-quality instruction, and it
2 enables influential and engaged professionals to gain a greater
3 understanding of educational challenges in community schools as
4 they help children broaden their horizons; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate Teach For America Week in the Rio
7 Grande Valley and extend to all those participating sincere best
8 wishes for a rewarding event; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Teach For America Rio Grande Valley as an expression of
11 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.