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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Fast Growth School Coalition are  
2 gathering in Austin on March 27, 2013, to celebrate Fast Growth  
3 School Coalition Legislative Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1996, the coalition is a grassroots  
5 organization of school districts pursuing legislative solutions to  
6 the financial and structural demands of their rapidly expanding  
7 populations; and

8 WHEREAS, The 99 districts that meet the criteria to become  
9 members of FGSC have an enrollment of at least 2,500 students, with  
10 growth of at least 10 percent or a net increase of 3,500 or more  
11 students over the past five years; and

12 WHEREAS, Led by executive director Michelle Smith and chair  
13 Dr. David Vroonland, Superintendent of the Frenship Independent  
14 School District in Wolfforth, the FGSC advocates in behalf of  
15 districts and holds presentations and conferences throughout the  
16 year to inform members, corporate partners, and the media of the  
17 escalating needs of schools throughout the Lone Star State; among  
18 the group's principal concerns are the 50-cent debt test, existing  
19 debt allotment and instructional facilities allotment, fast growth  
20 allotment, instructional materials allotment, new instructional  
21 facility allotment, and use of prior-year state property values for  
22 school funding; and

23 WHEREAS, By coordinating efforts to address the serious  
24 issues that educators, administrators, and children are facing in

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1 this swiftly growing state, the Fast Growth School Coalition is  
2 working to make a positive difference in Texas; now, therefore, be  
3 it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby recognize March 27, 2013, as Fast Growth School  
6 Coalition Legislative Day at the State Capitol and extend to all  
7 those in attendance sincere best wishes for a memorable and  
8 meaningful visit to Austin.