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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud community members are gathering in Austin on
2 May 8, 2013, to celebrate Lancaster Independent School District Day
3 at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated in southwest Dallas County, Lancaster ISD
5 serves more than 6,000 students in seven elementary schools, one
6 middle school, and one high school, as well as an alternative
7 learning center and a sixth-grade learning center that focuses on
8 instruction in science, technology, engineering, and math; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Michael D. McFarland, who became superintendent
10 of the district in May 2010, ably guides a staff of accomplished
11 administrators, teachers, and support personnel, all of whom are
12 committed to providing an outstanding education to area young
13 people; in recent years, Lancaster ISD has made remarkable progress
14 in closing achievement gaps, with pronounced improvements in such
15 areas as test performance and college and career readiness; and

16 WHEREAS, Based on data from 2011, the Texas Education Agency
17 awarded the district 20 Gold Performance Acknowledgements, the most
18 in the district's history, and assigned the "recognized" rating to
19 six campuses, marking another district record; the following year,
20 Lancaster ISD achieved membership in the Texas High Performing
21 School Consortium, becoming one of only 22 districts to earn that
22 honor, and received an Award of Distinction from the National
23 Institute for Excellence in Teaching; several campuses have
24 additionally won Title I National Distinguished School Awards; and

1 WHEREAS, Far from resting on its laurels, Lancaster ISD has
2 charted an ambitious path for the future; with the aid of a \$4.8
3 million grant from the Texas Instruments Foundation, the district
4 plans to implement an advanced science- and technology-based
5 curriculum in each of its campuses and expects to become the first
6 all-STEM district in the state; and

7 WHEREAS, The Lancaster Independent School District has
8 excelled in its mission to foster a challenging and supportive
9 learning environment for young Texans, and the hard work and
10 dedication demonstrated by its faculty, staff, and students are
11 indeed worthy of commendation; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize May 8, 2013, as Lancaster Independent
14 School District Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those in
15 attendance sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit to Austin;
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the district as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.