

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 834

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the many dedicated partners in the Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Initiative in celebrating May 6 through 12, 2013, as STEM Education Week; and

WHEREAS, During this time, participating schools, centers, and networks highlight the accomplishments and consider the future goals of this laudable educational initiative; and

WHEREAS, Texas currently has 65 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Academies, which serve more than 35,000 students; these T-STEM Academies serve as learning laboratories and demonstration schools in the statewide effort to improve science and mathematics education; and

WHEREAS, Over the past several years, the State of Texas has made significant investments in STEM education, and those efforts have resulted in notable gains in student achievement and have attracted national attention; and

WHEREAS, The growth of T-STEM Academies and centers reflects an awareness of the need to better educate students in disciplines that will help them thrive in a changing world, and to that end, the T-STEM Initiative strives to empower teachers, inspire pupils, and prepare the youth of today for the many employment opportunities of tomorrow; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the many partners and participants in the Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Initiative and extend to them sincere best wishes as they celebrate STEM Education Week; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of STEM Education Week.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate