

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud community members are gathering in Austin on  
2 February 10, 2015, to celebrate South Texas Independent School  
3 District Day at the State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Originally known as the Rio Grande Rehabilitation  
5 District, the South Texas Independent School District was  
6 established in 1964 to create further educational opportunities for  
7 area youths with disabilities; in 1973, legislators broadened the  
8 district's purpose to allow it to operate vocational magnet  
9 schools, and as a result, STISD opened South Texas High School for  
10 Health Professions in 1984 and the Science Academy of South Texas  
11 five years later; the district established the Teacher Academy of  
12 South Texas in 1993, subsequently renaming the school South Texas  
13 Business, Education and Technology Academy to better reflect its  
14 focus; over the following years, the magnet program continued to  
15 expand with the addition of South Texas Academy for Medical  
16 Professions and South Texas Preparatory Academy; and

17           WHEREAS, Currently encompassing five magnet schools in  
18 Edinburg, San Benito, and Mercedes, STISD is the only all-magnet  
19 district in the state; it serves more than 3,300 junior high and  
20 high school students and maintains an open enrollment policy that  
21 attracts interested and hardworking pupils from 28 school districts  
22 in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties, and it continues to  
23 provide educational and occupational training for students with  
24 special needs through its career and technology program; and

1           WHEREAS, The district's superintendent, Dr. Marla M. Guerra,  
2 ably guides a staff of accomplished teachers, administrators, and  
3 support personnel who are deeply committed to the success of young  
4 people in the tri-county area; in 2014, their work was recognized  
5 when the Texas Education Agency gave every campus in the district  
6 the highest accountability rating and maximum number of distinction  
7 designations available; and

8           WHEREAS, The faculty and staff of South Texas ISD continue to  
9 look for new ways to help students achieve, lead, and contribute to  
10 a changing world; to that end, the district's second middle school,  
11 South Texas Academy of Rising Scholars, will open in the fall of  
12 2015; and

13           WHEREAS, For more than half a century, the South Texas  
14 Independent School District has dedicated itself to offering  
15 students the best educational opportunities possible, and in so  
16 doing, it has equipped several generations of Texans with the  
17 knowledge and skills necessary to build a brighter future; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby recognize February 10, 2015, as South Texas  
21 Independent School District Day at the State Capitol and extend to  
22 all those in attendance sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit  
23 to Austin; and, be it further

24           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for the district as an expression of high regard by the  
26 Texas House of Representatives.

Guerra

H.R. No. 324

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 324 was adopted by the House on February 10, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House