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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas State Alliance of YMCAs are
2 visiting Austin on February 11, 2015, to celebrate YMCA State
3 Advocacy Day at the Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Representing the interests and concerns of the 27
5 independent Ys across Texas, the Texas State Alliance of YMCAs
6 works diligently to further the mission of the YMCA, which is to
7 build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities through
8 programs that develop healthy spirits, minds, and bodies; and

9 WHEREAS, The alliance mobilizes staff, volunteers, and
10 community leaders to advocate on behalf of local Ys; these
11 institutions nurture children and promote youth development,
12 healthy living, and social responsibility; at Ys across the state,
13 more than 5,000 employees and nearly 50,000 volunteers serve over
14 1.4 million Texans, including more than 638,000 children and teens;
15 moreover, Texas Ys are a major provider of child care, and they give
16 over \$25 million in financial assistance and scholarships; and

17 WHEREAS, Each year, members of the alliance travel to Austin
18 to support the development of strong, caring communities and to
19 encourage the state's leadership to adopt policies that will
20 contribute to the health and well-being of all Texans; it is indeed
21 fitting to recognize this noteworthy organization for its civic
22 engagement and commitment to improving the quality of life
23 throughout the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize February 11, 2015, as YMCA State
2 Advocacy Day at the Capitol and extend to all those participating
3 sincere best wishes for the future.