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H.R. No. 540

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 2, 2015, 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 85 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. Brad Lancaster, Superintendent of the Lake Travis Independent
14 School District, the FGSC advocates on behalf of districts and
15 holds presentations and conferences throughout the year to inform
16 members, corporate partners, and the media of the escalating needs
17 of schools throughout the Lone Star State; among the group's
18 principal concerns are the 50-cent debt test, existing debt
19 allotment, instructional facility allotment, and new instructional
20 facility allotment; and

21 WHEREAS, By coordinating efforts to address the serious
22 issues that educators, administrators, and children are facing in
23 this swiftly growing state, the Fast Growth School Coalition is
24 working to make a positive difference in Texas; now, therefore, be

1 it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 2, 2015, as Fast Growth School
4 Coalition Legislative Day at the State Capitol and extend to all
5 those in attendance sincere best wishes for a memorable and
6 meaningful visit to Austin.