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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A number of outstanding Texas organizations are
2 working together to raise awareness of the importance of out of
3 school initiatives for students, and it is indeed fitting to
4 acknowledge their endeavors as they gather in Austin on February
5 26, 2015, for Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Day at the
6 State Capitol; and

7 WHEREAS, The Texas Partnership for Out of School Time is a
8 statewide network of nonprofit, public, and private sector groups
9 dedicated to providing K-12 students with a wide selection of
10 before-school, after-school, and summer break activities; its
11 sweeping list of providers ranges from such nationally recognized
12 organizations as the YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs, and 4-H to local
13 service and faith-based organizations and municipal programs; and

14 WHEREAS, ELO initiatives give youths, many of whom are
15 otherwise unsupervised after school hours, a safe and supportive
16 environment where they can engage in Science, Technology,
17 Engineering, and Math (STEM) education, performing and fine arts,
18 health and nutrition programs, physical activity, and character
19 building; participation in these activities has been shown to
20 improve grades, test scores, attendance, behavior, and grade
21 promotion; and

22 WHEREAS, Expanded Learning Opportunities programs have
23 helped countless young Texans to aspire to the highest level of
24 personal development and have enhanced the quality of life in

1 communities across the state, and those who devote their time and
2 energy to these goals are deserving of our deep respect and
3 appreciation; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2015, as Expanded
6 Learning Opportunities (ELO) Day at the State Capitol and extend to
7 all those participating sincere best wishes for the future.