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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Millions of Americans from across the country joined
2 together to celebrate the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970,
3 rallying around the idea of protecting the environment for future
4 generations; and

5 WHEREAS, More than four and a half decades later, this
6 special day provides a welcome occasion for all Texans to reflect on
7 the diverse landscapes and vibrant beauty of our state and to renew
8 our commitment to preserving its water, air, land, and wildlife;
9 from the arid desert landscape of West Texas and the hills, rivers,
10 and lakes of Central Texas to the rich forests of East Texas, plains
11 of the Panhandle, and unique habitat of the Gulf Coast, the Lone
12 Star State is indeed an ecological treasure; and

13 WHEREAS, To best honor the environmental legacy of past
14 generations of Texans and maintain this natural wealth for
15 posterity, it is vital for citizens of the Lone Star State to be
16 mindful custodians of our shared resources; and

17 WHEREAS, One particularly important objective of Earth Day is
18 to support environmental literacy by promoting science,
19 technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects in the classroom;
20 such training will help to ensure that young Texans have the tools
21 they need to understand the challenges facing the planet and
22 creatively work toward solutions; and

23 WHEREAS, By promoting sustainable consumption, adopting
24 measures to conserve energy and water, and laying a foundation for a

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1 successful clean energy economy, we can embrace our role as
2 stewards and work together for the benefit of our great state; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate Earth Day on April 22, 2016, and
6 encourage all Texans to defend and maintain our precious resources
7 for future generations to enjoy.