

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 241

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the members of the Fast Growth School Coalition who are gathering in Austin on March 2, 2015, to celebrate Fast Growth School Coalition Legislative Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The Fast Growth School Coalition, which was founded in 1996, is a grassroots organization of school districts pursuing legislative solutions to the financial and structural challenges resulting from their rapidly expanding populations; and

WHEREAS, The 85 districts that meet the criteria for membership in the Fast Growth School Coalition have an enrollment of at least 2,500 students, with growth of at least 10 percent or a net increase of 3,500 or more students over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, Led by executive director Michelle Smith and chair Dr. Brad Lancaster, Superintendent of the Lake Travis Independent School District, the Fast Growth School Coalition advocates on behalf of districts and holds presentations and conferences throughout the year to inform members, corporate partners, and the media of the escalating needs of schools throughout the Lone Star State; among the group's principal concerns are the 50-cent debt test, existing debt allotment, instructional facilities allotment, and new instructional facilities allotment; and

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

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

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on February 23, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate