

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 289

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

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

WHEREAS, Expanded Learning Opportunities initiatives give youths, many of whom are otherwise unsupervised after school hours, a safe and supportive environment where they can engage in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education, performing and fine arts, health and nutrition programs, physical activity, and character building; participation in these activities has been shown to improve grades, test scores, attendance, behavior, and grade promotion; and

WHEREAS, Expanded Learning Opportunities programs have helped countless young Texans to aspire to the highest level of personal development and have enhanced the quality of life in communities across the state, and those who devote their time and energy to these goals are deserving of our deep respect and appreciation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize February 26, 2015, as Expanded Learning Opportunities Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those participating sincere best wishes for the future.

West

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 2, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate