

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 657

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join Harmony Public Schools in celebrating Texas STEM Education Week in El Paso; and

WHEREAS, Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education is becoming increasingly important as more and more jobs require a strong foundation in these fields; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Initiative, or T-STEM Initiative, is a public-private initiative of academies, professional development centers, and networks designed to improve instruction and academic performance in subjects related to science and mathematics at secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, Harmony Public Schools have been part of the T-STEM Initiative since its inception; Harmony schools have focused on providing high-quality STEM education that will equip students to succeed in the modern world; there are currently only 91 schools statewide that are designated as T-STEM academies, and 25 of them are Harmony campuses; and

WHEREAS, Harmony Public Schools have implemented a number of programs to enhance STEM education at all levels; eight Harmony schools use Project Lead the Way as part of the curriculum; the Gateway to Technology program is offered in Harmony middle schools, and Pathway to Engineering is available in Harmony high schools; and

WHEREAS, Harmony leads the way in First Lego League Robotics, First Tech Challenge, and First Robotics; the vision of

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the Harmony robotics program is "to transform our culture by creating a world where science and technology are celebrated and where young people dream of becoming science and technology heroes"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize the week of May 4 through May 10, 2015, as Celebration of Texas STEM Education Week in El Paso, Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

Rodríguez

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate