

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud community members are gathering in Austin on  
2 February 9, 2017, to celebrate South Texas Independent School  
3 District Day at the State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Originally known as the Rio Grande Rehabilitation  
5 District, the South Texas Independent School District was  
6 established in 1964 to create further educational opportunities for  
7 area youths with disabilities; in 1983, legislators broadened the  
8 district's purpose to allow it to operate vocational magnet  
9 schools, and as a result, STISD opened South Texas High School for  
10 Health Professions in 1984 and The Science Academy of South Texas  
11 five years later; the district established the Teacher Academy of  
12 South Texas in 1993, subsequently renaming the school South Texas  
13 Business, Education & Technology Academy to reflect an expanded  
14 focus; over the following years, the magnet program continued to  
15 grow with the addition of South Texas Academy for Medical  
16 Professions, South Texas Preparatory Academy, and Rising Scholars  
17 Academy of South Texas; and

18           WHEREAS, Currently encompassing six college-preparatory  
19 magnet schools in Edinburg, San Benito, Mercedes, and Olmito, STISD  
20 is the only all-magnet district in the state; it serves more than  
21 3,800 junior high and high school students and maintains an open  
22 enrollment policy that attracts interested and hardworking pupils  
23 from 28 school districts in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties;  
24 in addition, it continues to provide educational and occupational

1 training for students with special needs through its career and  
2 technology half-day program; and

3       WHEREAS, The district's superintendent, Dr. Marla M. Guerra,  
4 ably guides a staff of accomplished teachers, administrators, and  
5 support personnel who are deeply committed to the success of young  
6 people in the tri-county area; in 2016, for the third year in a row,  
7 the Texas Education Agency awarded the district a "met standard"  
8 rating and the postsecondary readiness distinction designation,  
9 the only one available for districts; furthermore, all campuses in  
10 the South Texas ISD received a "met standard" rating, with three of  
11 the campuses earning all distinctions for which they were eligible;  
12 and

13       WHEREAS, The faculty and staff of South Texas ISD continue to  
14 look for new ways to help students achieve, lead, and contribute to  
15 a changing world; to that end, the district is completing its third  
16 round of collaborative strategic planning to develop a framework to  
17 guide its efforts over the next five years; and

18       WHEREAS, For more than half a century, the South Texas  
19 Independent School District has dedicated itself to offering  
20 students the best educational opportunities possible, and in so  
21 doing, it has equipped several generations of Texans with the  
22 knowledge and skills necessary to build a brighter future; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
25 Legislature hereby recognize February 9, 2017, as South Texas  
26 Independent School District Day at the State Capitol and extend to  
27 all those in attendance sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit

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1 to Austin; and, be it further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for the district as an expression of high regard by the  
4 Texas House of Representatives.

Guerra

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
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Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
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Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 179 was adopted by the House on February 9, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House