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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Texas Whole Child Month in April
2 2017 provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on how to best
3 address the needs of the Lone Star State's youngest residents; and

4 WHEREAS, Recognizing that true student success entails more
5 than just academic achievement, the nonprofit organization ASCD
6 launched the Whole Child Initiative in 2007; this comprehensive
7 approach to education seeks to adequately prepare today's young
8 Texans for the demands of college, the job market, and good
9 citizenship; and

10 WHEREAS, The initiative highlights five key elements that
11 children need to become happy, productive members of society:
12 support from qualified and caring adults, rigorous academic
13 standards, school environments that foster engagement in both the
14 learning process and the wider community, training in how to lead
15 healthy lifestyles, and physical and emotional safety; and

16 WHEREAS, The continued prosperity and vitality of our state
17 depends on our children's achieving their full potential, which in
18 turn requires educational policies that ensure young Texans are
19 healthy, safe, and successful; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize April 2017 as Texas Whole Child Month
22 and encourage parents, educators, and community members to support
23 a whole-child approach to education.