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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud representatives from the La Joya
2 Independent School District are gathering in Austin on February 27,
3 2017, in celebration of La Joya ISD Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, A rapidly growing district, La Joya ISD includes 23
5 elementary schools, 8 middle schools, and 6 high schools, as well as
6 the College and Career Center and two academies; the administration
7 has worked tirelessly to encourage more young people to pursue
8 higher education, and to date, students in dual-enrollment courses
9 have received more than 44,000 hours of college credit; in
10 addition, students in career and technology programs have earned
11 over 2,000 certificates; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 94 percent of students graduate with a
13 recommended or distinguished achievement diploma, and the
14 three-year dropout rate is less than three percent; in the most
15 recent year, the district "met standard," the top Texas Education
16 Agency rating; it offers a well-rounded curriculum, and students
17 have excelled in such areas as band competitions and the ExxonMobil
18 Texas Science and Engineering Fair; and

19 WHEREAS, The district benefits greatly from the vision and
20 expertise of superintendent Dr. Alda Benavides, who was named 2015
21 Superintendent of the Year for Region 1 by the Texas Association of
22 School Boards; under her leadership, La Joya ISD has invested
23 significantly in technology, science laboratory materials,
24 employee and student wellness, and safety; moreover, the district

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1 added 10 new school buses; teachers, hourly employees, and
2 administrators all received raises in consecutive years, yet
3 property taxes were not increased; the district has received
4 approval for a natatorium, a student resource center, and a new
5 employee health clinic building; and

6 WHEREAS, The education of young Texans is a vital enterprise,
7 and the La Joya Independent School District has demonstrated a
8 strong commitment to providing a challenging and supportive
9 learning environment to prepare its graduates for future success;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2017, as La Joya ISD Day
13 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
14 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.