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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 2, 2017, is being observed as Texas Head Start
2 Day at the State Capitol, and it is fitting to take this opportunity
3 to recognize the important work of the Texas Head Start
4 Association; and

5 WHEREAS, The Head Start Project was launched in 1965 with the
6 mission of advocating for early childhood development and education
7 through community programs, and its success led to the 1974
8 founding of what would become the National Head Start Association;
9 over the years, the nonprofit has made a positive impact in the
10 lives of more than 32 million low-income and otherwise vulnerable
11 children and their families across the country; and

12 WHEREAS, Working in conjunction with the national
13 organization, the Texas association has organized Head Start
14 programs at schools, community centers, child care facilities, and
15 family child care homes across the Lone Star State; those
16 initiatives promote school readiness for children from birth to age
17 five by fostering a learning environment that focuses on the
18 development of social skills and emotional well-being, as well as
19 the teaching of language, literacy, and concept development; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to preparing youngsters for preschool,
21 THSA is equally committed to ensuring they have a safe and
22 supportive family life; Early Head Start programs were created to
23 serve pregnant women, infants, and toddlers, and they are available
24 to families until the child turns three years old and is ready to

1 transition into Head Start or another pre-K program; moreover, the
2 initiative assists parents or legal guardians with finding
3 affordable medical, dental, and mental health services, as well as
4 with achieving such goals as housing stability, continued
5 education, and financial security; and

6 WHEREAS, The future of Texas depends largely on its children,
7 as the challenges of tomorrow will be met by the youth of today, and
8 the efforts of the Texas Head Start Association have helped to
9 strengthen families and communities throughout the state; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize March 2, 2017, as Texas Head Start Day
13 at the State Capitol and commend all those involved with the
14 organization for their contributions to the youth of the Lone Star
15 State; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas
18 House of Representatives.