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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, PublicSchoolOptions.org is dedicated to supporting
- 2 parents as they seek the best public education options for their
- 3 children; and
- WHEREAS, An alliance of parents, the organization has members
- 5 in nearly 30 states who promote the creation of public school
- 6 alternatives such as charter schools, online schools, magnet
- 7 schools, open enrollment policies, and innovative programs; the
- 8 group advocates at the state and national levels for schools that
- 9 serve the unique learning needs of individual students, and it
- 10 works to keep existing choices available and expand them to school
- 11 districts in every state; and
- WHEREAS, The organization also informs policy makers and the
- 13 public about the advantages of providing a range of school options,
- 14 and it strives to dispel myths and correct misrepresentations about
- 15 innovative public schools; among other activities, it sponsors
- 16 school visits, live e-learning demonstrations, and family days at
- 17 state capitols, and it issues newsletters, policy briefings, and
- 18 press releases; and
- 19 WHEREAS, In recent years, educators have increasingly
- 20 recognized that traditional schools may not meet the needs of every
- 21 child, and the demand for alternatives has grown; more than 2
- 22 million students are enrolled in over 5,600 charter schools across
- 23 the country, and recent figures indicated that there were 250,000
- 24 full-time online students; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, The education of young Texans is a vital enterprise,
- 2 and through its efforts, PublicSchoolOptions.org is helping to
- 3 ensure that each child gains access to his or her optimal learning
- 4 environment; now, therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 6 Legislature hereby recognize PublicSchoolOptions.org for its
- 7 contributions and extend to its members sincere best wishes for
- 8 continued success; and, be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 10 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
- 11 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 640 was adopted by the House on March 8, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House