## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, March 1, 2017, is being observed as Texas Head Start Day at the State Capitol, and it is fitting to take this opportunity to recognize the important work of the Texas Head Start 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 organization, the Texas association has organized Head Start 13 programs at schools, community centers, child care facilities, and 14 family child care homes across the Lone Star State; those 15 initiatives promote school readiness for children from birth to age 16 five by fostering a learning environment that focuses on the 17 development of social skills and emotional well-being, as well as 18 the teaching of language, literacy, and concept development; and 19

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

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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 1, 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.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 646 was adopted by the House on March 1, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House