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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Gifted and talented education supports the academic  
2 needs of students with a high potential for achievement, and the  
3 observance of Gifted and Talented Students Week from April 1  
4 through 7, 2019, provides an opportunity to celebrate the skills  
5 and accomplishments of these students and the dedication of the  
6 educators who serve them; and

7 WHEREAS, The term "gifted and talented" refers to children  
8 and youth who have excelled in intellectual, creative, or artistic  
9 endeavors, who possess an unusual capacity for leadership, or who  
10 show promising ability in a specific academic field; studies have  
11 demonstrated that such children are capable of mastering a  
12 curriculum in less than half the time of their nongifted peers; and

13 WHEREAS, There are currently around 400,000 identified  
14 gifted and talented students in Texas; funding is set aside to help  
15 provide them with challenging and specialized coursework, and  
16 teachers of gifted and talented classes are required by Texas law to  
17 receive additional special training; and

18 WHEREAS, By encouraging exceptional students to develop  
19 their individual strengths, we are investing in the leaders,  
20 scholars, and innovators of tomorrow, and this vital endeavor is  
21 deserving of the wholehearted support and commitment of all Texans;  
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas  
24 hereby recognize April 1 through 7, 2019, as Gifted and Talented

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1 Students Week and honor the gifted and talented students of Texas  
2 and the parents and teachers who are working to ensure that these  
3 youth have the resources and opportunities they need to succeed.