

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud community members are gathering in Austin on  
2 February 12, 2019, to celebrate South Texas Independent School  
3 District Day at the State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Originally known as the Rio Grande Rehabilitation  
5 District, the South Texas Independent School District was  
6 established in 1964 to create further educational opportunities for  
7 area youths with disabilities; in 1983, legislators broadened the  
8 district's purpose to allow it to operate vocational magnet  
9 schools, and as a result, STISD opened South Texas High School for  
10 Health Professions in 1984 and The Science Academy of South Texas  
11 five years later; the district established The Teacher Academy of  
12 South Texas in 1993, subsequently renaming the school South Texas  
13 Business, Education & Technology Academy to reflect an expanded  
14 focus; over the following years, the magnet program continued to  
15 grow with the addition of South Texas Academy for Medical  
16 Professions, South Texas Preparatory Academy, and Rising Scholars  
17 Academy of South Texas; and

18           WHEREAS, Currently encompassing six college-preparatory  
19 magnet schools in Edinburg, Mercedes, Olmito, and San Benito, STISD  
20 is the only all-magnet district in the state; it serves more than  
21 4,100 junior high and high school students and maintains an open  
22 enrollment policy that attracts interested and hardworking pupils  
23 from 28 school districts in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties;  
24 in addition, it continues to provide educational and occupational

1 training for students with special needs through its career and  
2 technology half-day program; and

3       WHEREAS, The district attained a high level of success under  
4 the leadership of Dr. Marla M. Guerra, who recently retired from  
5 her position as superintendent after 17 years; in 2018, the  
6 inaugural year of letter ratings, the Texas Education Agency  
7 awarded the district an "A" rating, and for the fifth year in a row,  
8 STISD received the postsecondary readiness distinction  
9 designation, the only one available to districts; furthermore, all  
10 campuses in the district received a "met standard" rating, with  
11 three of the campuses earning all distinctions for which they were  
12 eligible; and

13       WHEREAS, The district's new superintendent, Dr. Marco  
14 Antonio Lara Jr., is committed to working alongside a staff of  
15 accomplished teachers, administrators, and support personnel to  
16 ensure the success of young people in the tri-county area and to  
17 make a positive difference in the life of each student; and

18       WHEREAS, The faculty and staff of South Texas ISD continue to  
19 look for new ways to help students achieve, lead, and contribute to  
20 a changing world; to that end, the district has adopted a new  
21 strategic plan, which includes the following call to action: "Each  
22 student thrives in real world challenges as a visionary in a global  
23 society"; and

24       WHEREAS, For more than half a century, the South Texas  
25 Independent School District has dedicated itself to offering  
26 students the best educational opportunities possible, and in so  
27 doing, it has equipped several generations of Texans with the

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1 knowledge and skills necessary to build a brighter future; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2019, as South Texas  
5 Independent School District Day at the State Capitol and extend to  
6 all those in attendance sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit  
7 to Austin.

Guerra

Bonnen of Brazoria	Guerra	Oliverson
Allen	Guillen	Ortega
Allison	Gutierrez	Pacheco
Anchia	Harless	Paddie
Anderson	Harris	Parker
Ashby	Hefner	Patterson
Bailes	Hernandez	Paul
Beckley	Herrero	Perez
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Phelan
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Price
Bernal	Howard	Ramos
Biedermann	Huberty	Raney
Blanco	Hunter	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Rodriguez
Bowers	J. Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Bucy	Kacal	Rosenthal
Burns	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Burrows	King of Parker	Schaefer
Button	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Cain	Klick	Sheffield
Calanni	Krause	Sherman, Sr.
Canales	Kuempel	Shine
Capriglione	Lambert	Smith
Clardy	Landgraf	Smithee
Cole	Lang	Springer
Coleman	Larson	Stephenson
Collier	Leach	Stickland
Cortez	Leman	Stucky
Craddick	Longoria	Swanson
Cyrier	Lozano	Talarico
Darby	Lucio III	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Metcalf	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Meyer	Toth
Dominguez	Meza	Turner of Dallas
Dutton	Middleton	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miller	VanDeaver
Fierro	Minjarez	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Geren	Murphy	Wray
Gervin-Hawkins	Murr	Wu
Goldman	Neave	Zedler
González of Dallas	Nevárez	Zerwas
González of El Paso	Noble	Zwiener
Goodwin		

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 227 was adopted by the House on February 12, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House