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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Texas State Teachers Association and  
2 Texas AFT, along with other Texas educators, are convening in  
3 Austin on March 11, 2019, to take part in Texas Public Education Day  
4 at the State Capitol; and

5           WHEREAS, Since 1880, the Texas State Teachers Association has  
6 been dedicated to furthering the best interests of teachers, school  
7 employees, and students; the group is an affiliate of the National  
8 Education Association, which is one of the largest professional  
9 employee organizations in the U.S.; and

10           WHEREAS, Texas AFT was chartered in 1974 as the Texas  
11 Federation of Teachers, and it is the state branch of the American  
12 Federation of Teachers, which includes 1.6 million members  
13 nationwide; the organization represents public school educators,  
14 paraprofessionals, and other school-related employees, as well as  
15 faculty members and support staff of higher education institutions;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, The backbone of our public education system,  
18 teachers work tirelessly every day to help children develop the  
19 skills and learning habits essential to achieving a successful  
20 future; although their compensation does not reflect the importance  
21 of their profession, teachers routinely go above and beyond,  
22 working extra hours to fulfill their educational mission and  
23 frequently digging deeply into their own pockets to furnish their  
24 classrooms and provide supplies that students cannot afford; and

1           WHEREAS, In carrying out their duties, educators benefit  
2 tremendously from the related efforts of bus drivers, cafeteria and  
3 clerical workers, and other support staff who play a critical role  
4 in maintaining a safe, healthy, and nurturing campus environment;  
5 today, Texas educators and their colleagues face greater challenges  
6 than ever before, as they prepare some 5.4 million students for jobs  
7 and adult responsibilities in a changing global economy; and

8           WHEREAS, Public education is an endeavor in which all Texans  
9 have a stake, and through their steadfast devotion to the  
10 development of our young people, teachers and school support  
11 personnel are helping to ensure that the future of the Lone Star  
12 State rests in capable hands; now, therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby recognize March 11, 2019, as Texas Public  
15 Education Day at the State Capitol and extend to the members of the  
16 Texas State Teachers Association and Texas AFT and their colleagues  
17 sincere best wishes for an informative visit to Austin.