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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, For more than four decades, every U.S. president has 2 declared the annual observance of Education and Sharing Day in 3 honor of the birthday of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson and his 4 contributions to education; and

5 WHEREAS, One of the most celebrated figures in 20th century Judaism, Rabbi Schneerson was born in Ukraine in 1902; he 6 7 demonstrated a remarkable aptitude for religious scholarship at a young age, mastering the entire Talmud and many of its commentaries 8 by the age of 17; in the 1920s, he became part of the inner circle of 9 the Lubavitcher Rebbe, the leader of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement 10 11 in Judaism, and he married the Rebbe's daughter, Chaya Mushka; 12 forced to flee Berlin and later Paris because of Nazi anti-Semitism, the couple settled in New York City in 1941; and 13

14 WHEREAS, In 1951, Rabbi Schneerson officially succeeded his father-in-law as the Lubavitcher Rebbe, and over the next 44 years, 15 16 he built the movement into a worldwide community of 200,000 members; a strong advocate for children and education, he believed 17 18 that schools should stress both academic achievement and character building, and he established several thousand Orthodox Jewish 19 20 schools and educational centers around the globe before his passing 21 in 1994; and

22 WHEREAS, In recognition of Rabbi Schneerson's advocacy, 23 President Jimmy Carter proclaimed the first Education and Sharing 24 Day in 1978, and the tradition has continued each year since; the

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1 rabbi's birthday is celebrated on 11 Nissan of the Jewish 2 liturgical calendar, or four days before Passover, and in 2019 it 3 falls on April 16; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Rabbi Schneerson was a champion for values-based learning, and Education and Sharing Day represents a fitting opportunity for Texans to express their support for the twin goals of investing young people with knowledge and with the moral principles to use that knowledge wisely; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas 11 Legislature hereby recognize April 16, 2019, as Education and 12 Sharing Day.

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I certify that H.R. No. 1002 was adopted by the House on April 9, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House