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H.C.R. No. 8

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 in April provides
4 an opportunity to celebrate the skills and accomplishments of these
5 students and the dedication of the educators who serve them; and

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

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

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

22 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby designate the first full week in April as Gifted and Talented
24 Students Week; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
2 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
3 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
4 passed by the legislature.