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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Communities In Schools of Texas has long made a
2 positive difference in the lives of countless youth and their
3 families; and

4 WHEREAS, The state's largest provider of school-based
5 behavioral health services for students, CIS of Texas was first
6 established in 1979, and during its 44 years in Texas, it has
7 expanded to include 27 affiliates located throughout the state; and

8 WHEREAS, This notable organization builds relationships that
9 empower students to stay in school and succeed in life by applying a
10 multitiered system of support designed to help address chronic
11 absenteeism that can lead to truancy; through its efforts to
12 reengage students disconnected from school, CIS helps close the
13 achievement gap and improve student outcomes; and

14 WHEREAS, Of the more than 120,000 students served by CIS
15 during the last school year, 99 percent stayed in school, 97 percent
16 were promoted to the next grade, 90 percent improved in academics,
17 and 83 percent improved in behavior; in addition, 97 percent of
18 eligible seniors graduated; and

19 WHEREAS, Trained CIS mental health professionals provide
20 trauma-informed interventions that alleviate emotional and
21 behavioral challenges, enhance coping skills, improve student
22 well-being and, in turn, scholastic achievement; CIS staff are more
23 involved than ever before in keeping schools and students safe by
24 offering services free of charge on school campuses, where students

1 are located; and

2 WHEREAS, CIS affiliates leverage state funding with
3 additional public and private fundraising from local communities,
4 providing more than three dollars in services for every dollar
5 invested by the state; this leveraging effect, which is unique to
6 CIS, multiplies the impact of state funding and allows CIS to assist
7 more students in need; and

8 WHEREAS, Helping young Texans to prepare for successful
9 futures, Communities In Schools of Texas is a program of
10 immeasurable importance, and it is indeed appropriate to take this
11 opportunity to commend the group for the support it provides to
12 students in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2023, as Communities In
15 Schools Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for CIS of Texas as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.