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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education are gathering at the State Capitol on February 27, 2025, in observance of TCASE Advocacy Day; and WHEREAS, Special education is specifically designed to meet the needs of children and young adults with disabilities so that they can flourish in and outside the classroom; this form of instruction requires a collaborative effort among parents and

9 personnel, and services are provided by a team of dedicated 10 professionals that includes teachers, school psychologists,

caregivers, community partners, disability advocates, and school

11 educational diagnosticians, speech language pathologists, and

12 dyslexia therapists; the responsibility for overseeing the system

13 that ensures the success of these services rests with the special

14 education director; and

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Among their many duties, special 15 WHEREAS, 16 directors work to promote a more inclusive environment in their school districts for students with disabilities and to develop 17 student-centered solutions to issues like staffing shortages and 18 financial constraints; they also support campus administrators, 19 20 create parent advisory committees and support groups, engage in professional development initiatives, and manage compliance with 21 federal and state legal and financial regulations; and 22

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1959, the Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education has provided a network for

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- 1 special education directors across the state; its members are
- 2 committed to supporting one another in achieving their goals, and
- 3 the organization offers resources for keeping special education
- 4 professionals up to date about advances in their field; in
- 5 addition, TCASE conducts legislative advocacy and publishes news
- 6 about policy changes that stand to impact special education
- 7 leaders, stakeholders, students, and families; during TCASE
- 8 Advocacy Day, representatives of the organization will be meeting
- 9 with lawmakers to promote policies and resources that will help
- 10 school districts to more effectively serve students with
- 11 disabilities and their loved ones; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Special education directors and the professionals
- 13 they support are dedicated to making learning opportunities
- 14 accessible and accommodating to all, and their vital efforts are
- 15 essential to ensuring that young people with disabilities can
- 16 receive a meaningful education and achieve better outcomes in
- 17 school and in life; now, therefore, be it
- 18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
- 19 Legislature hereby honor the Texas Council of Administrators of
- 20 Special Education on the occasion of TCASE Advocacy Day on
- 21 February 27, 2025, and commend the special education directors in
- 22 the State of Texas for their unwavering commitment to serving,
- 23 educating, and advocating for students with disabilities; and, be
- 24 it further
- 25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 26 prepared for TCASE as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 27 House of Representatives.