

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 557

WHEREAS, Excellence in education is vital to the success of our nation and our state, and Texas seeks to provide each child and adolescent with high-quality educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Education develops the intellect through lessons in literacy, math, and science and prepares students for the responsibilities and opportunities of the future; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, widely known simply as the Rebbe, was a global spiritual leader who dedicated his life to the betterment of mankind, and he provided a shining example of what education ought to be for all people; and

WHEREAS, The Rebbe's tireless advocacy for youth, which emphasized the importance of education and good character, instilled hope for a brighter future into the lives of countless people around the world; and

WHEREAS, The Rebbe taught that education, in general, should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career, nor should its sole focus be on making a better living; and

WHEREAS, His philosophy was that the educational systems must also focus on building character--honesty and independence, drive and discipline, courage and compassion; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and lasting contributions toward global education and his focus on morality and acts of charity, the Rebbe has been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, and the United States Congress has established his birthday as a national day to raise awareness of

the importance of strengthening the educational systems for our children; and

WHEREAS, Every year since 1978, on the Rebbe's birthday, the President of the United States, regardless of political affiliation, has paid tribute to the Rebbe's vision by proclaiming "Education & Sharing Day USA"; and

WHEREAS, By instilling a spirit of service and a rich appreciation for learning in our children, all involved in the field of education create a more optimistic future for our citizens and our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby proclaim April 16, 2019, Texas Education and Sharing Day.

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Alvarado	Hughes	Powell
Bettencourt	Johnson	Seliger
Campbell	Kolkhorst	Watson
Creighton	Lucio	West
Flores	Menéndez	Whitmire
Hinojosa	Paxton	Zaffirini

Patrick, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 9, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate