

## RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, In recognition of Rabbi Schneerson's advocacy, President Jimmy Carter proclaimed the first Education and Sharing Day in 1978, and the tradition has continued each year since; the rabbi's birthday is celebrated on 11 Nissan of the Jewish liturgical calendar, or four days before Passover, and in 2019 it 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

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

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Speaker of the House

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



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