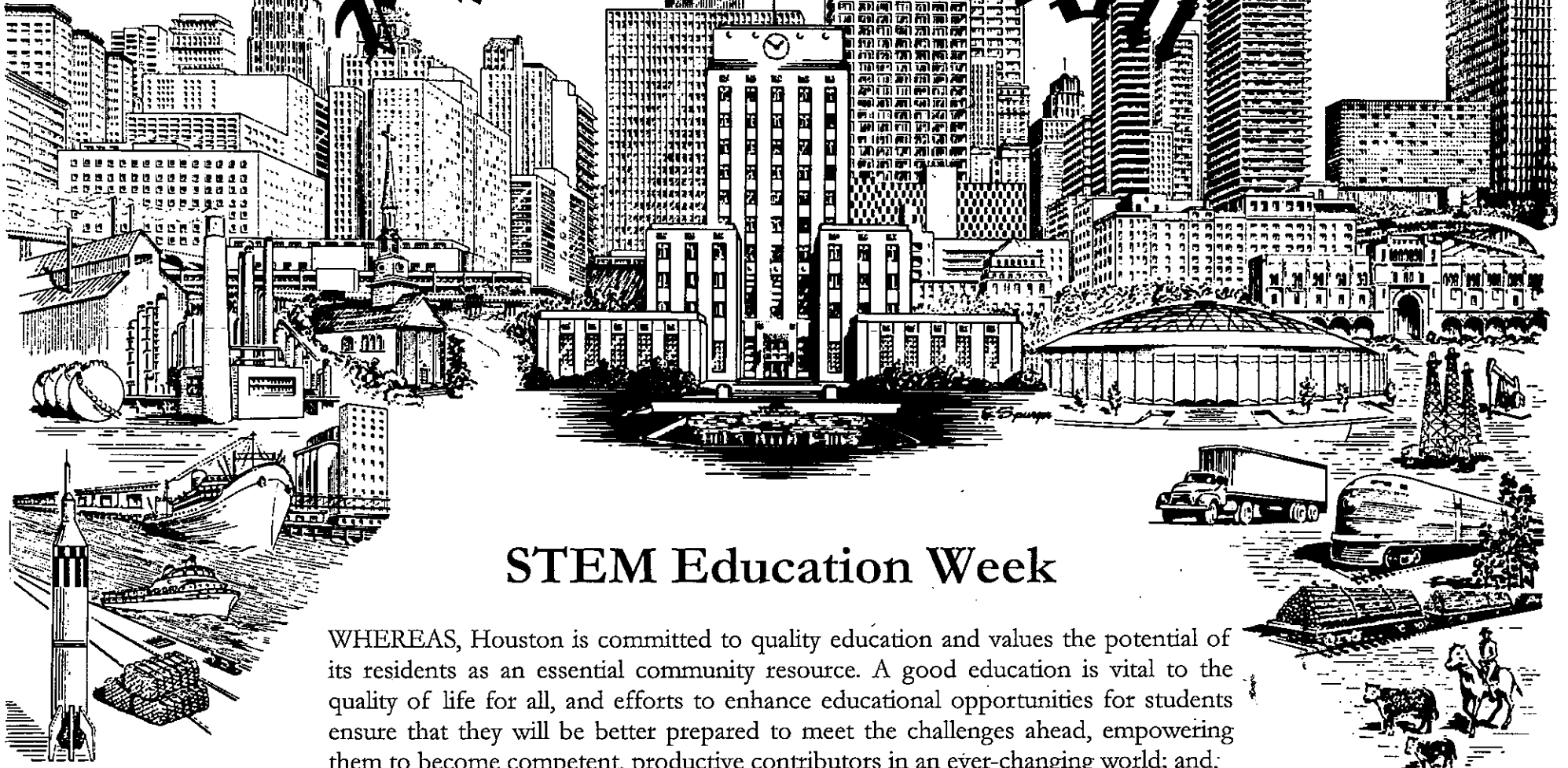




Proclamation



STEM Education Week

WHEREAS, Houston is committed to quality education and values the potential of its residents as an essential community resource. A good education is vital to the quality of life for all, and efforts to enhance educational opportunities for students ensure that they will be better prepared to meet the challenges ahead, empowering them to become competent, productive contributors in an ever-changing world; and,

WHEREAS, strong Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) educational programs are important to the intellectual and economic future of our city. STEM subjects help students achieve complex and technical skills that will benefit them in college and their careers; and,

WHEREAS, Texas STEM academies, schools and businesses have made strong efforts in working to close the disparity between the number of STEM field college graduates and the number of skilled workers needed in those industries; and,

WHEREAS, STEM Education Week, held April 28 - May 4, 2014, is observed to recognize the importance of STEM subjects and to highlight the work currently being done to support STEM education; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Houston commends the academies, schools and businesses committed to STEM education and extends best wishes for a successful observance of STEM Education Week.

THEREFORE, I, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim April 28 - May 4, 2014, as

STEM Education Week

in Houston, Texas.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 17th day of April, 2014.

Annise D. Parker

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Mayor of the City of Houston