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From the flow of traffic on highways to the flow of data on the information superhighway, engineering solutions have brought untold efficiency and enhancement to everyday life.

Architects of our infrastructure, engineers draw on their expertise to overcome challenges in myriad fields: be it mitigating the effects of natural disasters, designing computer systems, improving modern air travel or coordinating the erection of national landmarks. The skill and expertise of countless engineers have been prominent in the development of technological feats like cell phones and the Internet.

In the Lone Star State, we are working to foster the next generation of engineers through innovative programs like the Texas Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Initiative. A public-private partnership of academies, professional development centers and networks, T-STEM is focused on improving instruction and academic performance in science and mathematics-related subjects at secondary schools. Our T-STEM program is one of the most extensive in the country — with 51 academies educating more than 17,000 students and seven professional development centers serving more than 2,800 teachers — and is helping to ensure our students are prepared for the careers of the 21st century.

Each year, engineering societies nationwide designate the week of the birth of George Washington, who was a military engineer, as a time to conduct an awareness campaign. During this week, conferences, promotions, design competitions and other events will be held to encourage public interest in and increase awareness of engineering.

At this time, I urge all Texans to recognize the dedicated service of engineers. Their hard work, creativity and dedication highlight the best of the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim February 21-25, 2011, to be

Engineers Week

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 21st day of February, 2011.



Rick Perry
Governor of Texas