

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 404

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Western Governors University Texas on the occasion of the institution's 10th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Western Governors University Texas is a nonprofit, fully online university that was established by Governor Rick Perry in 2011 to provide greater opportunity for Texans to obtain affordable, quality education and to earn college degrees; a state affiliate of the national Western Governors University, WGU Texas operates in partnership with the State of Texas, including the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Education Agency, and the Texas Workforce Commission; and

WHEREAS, The university offers more than 60 accredited undergraduate and graduate degree programs to prepare students for careers in the high-demand fields of information technology, business, education, and health care; the school offers personalized and individualized instruction and takes an innovative approach to higher education through the use of technology and through its competency-based learning model that allows students to accelerate the process of completing their degrees; and

WHEREAS, Western Governors University Texas is the second-largest producer of nurses in the state and has received a Military Friendly School Designation each year since its establishment; more than 18,000 WGU Texas alumni live and work in Texas, and the university currently enrolls 14,000 students who

reside throughout the state and in most of its 254 counties; many students are adult learners, and 70 percent of students are members of underserved populations; and

WHEREAS, Western Governors University has greatly benefited the Lone Star State by providing expanded opportunities for Texas citizens to receive quality education; university staff and administrators are indeed deserving of recognition for their contributions to the success of this outstanding institution of higher education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby extend congratulations to Western Governors University Texas for 10 years of exemplary service to Texans and extend to all associated with the university best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the university as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate