

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For the past 25 years, Dr. J. Gilbert Leal of
2 Harlingen has served as president of Texas State Technical College
3 (TSTC), and his exemplary leadership in this important position
4 truly merits special recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Leal's tenure with TSTC began in December of
6 1969 when he was hired as an adult basic instructor; he has since
7 served as migrant counselor supervisor, director of admissions and
8 records, and dean of student services, demonstrating dedication and
9 excellence in each of these demanding roles; and

10 WHEREAS, A 1968 graduate of North Texas State University, Dr.
11 Leal earned a bachelor of science in physical education and spent a
12 year as a teacher and coach with the Brownsville Consolidated
13 School District before joining the staff at TSTC; and

14 WHEREAS, His commitment to personal and professional growth
15 is evident in his pursuit of advanced degrees; he received a master
16 of education degree in counseling and guidance from Pan American
17 University in 1974 and a doctor of philosophy in vocational
18 education from East Texas State University in 1986; and

19 WHEREAS, Under Dr. Leal's guidance, TSTC has grown and
20 prospered as an institution, as evidenced by the addition of 14
21 instructional buildings, a student center, a gymnasium, a
22 child-care center, student housing, a service support center, a
23 field house, and a workforce center; and

24 WHEREAS, The students, faculty, and staff of TSTC have truly

1 benefited from the myriad contributions made by Dr. Leal; his
2 efforts have resulted in the flourishing of this outstanding
3 educational resource, and the citizens of the Lone Star State owe
4 him a debt of gratitude; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Dr. J. Gilbert Leal
7 for his longtime service at Texas State Technical College in
8 Harlingen and commend him for his exemplary efforts in support of
9 education in the Rio Grande Valley and the Lone Star State; and, be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Dr. Leal as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 127

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 127 was adopted by the House on
October 8, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House