

By: Wise

H.R. No. 127

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.