

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Advances in communication and transportation
2 technology over the past half-century have made today's world
3 increasingly interconnected; as a result, successful businesses,
4 universities, and governments depend on a global perspective; and

5 WHEREAS, This new era of global exchange has created a
6 marketplace of ideas in which citizens of the world from distinct
7 social, cultural, religious, and linguistic backgrounds cooperate
8 and compete on a daily basis; with foreign trade projected to be a
9 key sector of Texas' economy, the Lone Star State's future is
10 inextricably tied to that of the entire world; and

11 WHEREAS, Evidence of the growing connection between Texas and
12 the rest of the world can be found in the Institute of International
13 Education's *Open Doors Report 2003*; Texas ranks third in the United
14 States in the total number of foreign students studying in the state
15 for the 2002-2003 academic year, and these foreign students and
16 their families contributed over \$794 million to the Texas economy
17 in 2002-2003; in addition, 7,202 students studying abroad were
18 enrolled through Texas institutions in 2002; and

19 WHEREAS, International education is critical to promoting a
20 broadened worldview and thereby preparing Texans for life and work
21 in the global economy; moreover, creating a diverse academic
22 environment by exchanging scholars and students between countries
23 builds the foundation for future international business success;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, The United States' national security and economic
2 competitiveness depend significantly on the country's ability to
3 provide future leaders with the best education possible; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 4th Called Session, finds that international
7 education is an essential component of the bright future of the
8 great State of Texas; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives supports
10 and encourages international education to ensure that students and
11 future leaders are prepared to meet the challenges of a global
12 society.

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H.R. No. 143

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 143 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House