

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 991

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Austin Community College on the special occasion of its 30th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Austin Community College was established in December of 1972 by the Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees to meet the growing need for access to higher education for the underserved citizens in the area; the college opened its doors to students in September of 1973; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, the community college received full accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate degrees; it established its own governing board in 1982, and today it is one of the largest community colleges in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Austin Community College is an integral part of Austin and the Central Texas area; its mission is to provide general education or university transfer courses, workforce programs, customized training for businesses, continuing education, and developmental education at any of the six main campuses and nine distance learning centers, or through its telecommunications programs; and

WHEREAS, Education is a priority in Texas, and Austin Community College is a vital educational resource to area citizens and has a strong impact on the economic growth of Austin and the surrounding communities; under the guidelines of its governing board and its president, Dr. Richard Fonte, it continues to meet the needs of a growing community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend members of the community of Austin Community College for the tremendous contributions they have made to the betterment of Austin and Central Texas and extend congratulations to them on the occasion of the college's 30th anniversary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 28, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate