

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 144

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize February 17, 2005, as Community College Student Day at the Capitol and extend a warm welcome to community college students today; and

WHEREAS, Community colleges provide affordable, quality higher education and play an essential role in educational opportunities and economic development across Texas; and

WHEREAS, Participants in Community College Student Day include: President Cal Pifer of Kingwood College and other leaders of the Texas Junior College Student Government Association; students from Texas community college honors programs; representatives of the Texas Gulf Coast Consortium of Community Colleges; and members of the Texas Community College Teachers Association and the Texas Association of Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, Community colleges constitute the largest segment of higher education enrollment in Texas, and their enrollment increases every year, including a 15 percent increase last year; community colleges accomodate nontraditional students and offer affordable educational alternatives for students to pursue higher education degrees; and

WHEREAS, Community colleges play a vital role in the higher education system of this state, and they are indeed worthy of legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend our state's community colleges for the many contributions they make to their communities and to Texas and extend best wishes to them on this important day; and, be it further

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

Shapiro

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 17, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate