

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 260

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate is proud to honor The University of Texas at Dallas and the members of its government honors program on the occasion of their visit to the State Capitol on March 3, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Since it first began admitting freshmen in 1990, The University of Texas at Dallas has consistently ranked among the highest in the nation and is in the top two in Texas in student selectivity ratings and Scholastic Aptitude Test scores for incoming freshmen; the university has accomplished these impressive feats while also becoming the fastest growing selective public institution of higher education in the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary university offers an innovative and progressive curriculum and currently grants more computer science degrees than any other institution of higher learning in the state; moreover, it has brought national recognition to the state through its success in academic competitions, including debate, chess, and college bowl; and

WHEREAS, The school's government and politics program has won wide acclaim for its commitment to fostering interest in Texas politics and civic responsibility among the university's Collegium V Honors Program and McDermott Scholars Program through the Center for the Study of Texas Politics; and

WHEREAS, The talented students who are currently studying Texas politics and leadership in the Texas Center program have demonstrated the impressive academic drive and commitment that

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is typical of students at the university, and it is indeed appropriate to honor these future leaders of the Lone Star State and The University of Texas at Dallas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend The University of Texas at Dallas for its outstanding efforts to educate our state's future leaders and extend an official welcome to Professor Greg Thielemann, director of the Center for the Study of Texas Politics, and to the honors students visiting on this day.

Carona, Shapiro

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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