

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 532**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas recognizes the importance of international education in Texas at our institutions of higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, The world has become increasingly interconnected through advances in technology and transportation, and a global perspective is critical in facing the challenges of the 21st century; and

**WHEREAS**, Providing the future leaders of this state with the broadest possible education will significantly impact our national security, foreign policy, economic competitiveness, and capacity for tolerance; and

**WHEREAS**, International education includes expanding foreign language curriculum and academic programs that address global issues and examine other cultures; today, the development of new knowledge and the best research and technological breakthroughs require international collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, Universities and colleges should be encouraged to introduce Texas students in all majors to other cultures, foreign languages, and global issues and to provide opportunities to study abroad, which will enrich students' perspectives and personal development; and

**WHEREAS**, Qualified students and faculty from other countries should be encouraged to study in Texas to further the free exchange of ideas and to facilitate an appreciation of different cultures; the emphasis on international education in Texas will strengthen global understanding and build a foundation for the future of our state; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas,  
79th Legislature, hereby recognize the importance of international  
education and encourage Texas institutions of higher education  
to meet the challenges of a global society; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared to  
acknowledge the importance of international education in Texas  
today.

Ellis, Lucio

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on April 4, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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