

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 898

WHEREAS, The Brazos Higher Education Authority, Incorporated, is celebrating its 30th anniversary on May 16, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Established three decades ago in Waco, the organization began with the goal of helping area residents obtain affordable student loans; since that time, the Brazos Higher Education Authority has become the largest not-for-profit holder of Federal Family Education Loan Program loans in the country and is ranked sixth nationwide among all Federal Family Education Loan Program loan holders; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, the Brazos Higher Education Service Corporation, Inc., was established by Murray Watson, Jr., to support the education-financing efforts of the authority; in October of that same year, the authority issued its first bond issue debt in the amount of \$6 million; and

WHEREAS, Today, Brazos is also committed to supporting the communities it serves in other ways; affirming the philosophy that "youth are our future leaders," the Brazos Group of companies has contributed to more than 40 charitable projects focused on children and educational opportunities and donated scholarship money to a number of institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, For 30 years, the Brazos Higher Education Authority has enabled countless young people to successfully pursue their dreams of a brighter future, and for its efforts, the organization is truly deserving of special praise; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby honor the Brazos Higher Education Authority, Incorporated, on its 30th anniversary and extend sincere best wishes for continued success to all those associated with this notable organization; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the Brazos Higher Education Authority as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 16, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate