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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Students and alumni of St. Philip's College in San
2 Antonio take justifiable pride in their alma mater, which
3 celebrated the 110th anniversary of its founding on March 1, 2008;
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5 WHEREAS, Established by Bishop James Steptoe Johnston of St.
6 Philip's Episcopal Church, the school began as a sewing class for
7 high school girls, and in 1898 it was reconstituted to provide for
8 the education of African American youth; and

9 WHEREAS, Since that time, St. Philip's College has
10 established itself as an outstanding institution of higher learning
11 for all those in pursuit of knowledge; thanks in great part to the
12 leadership of Artemisia Bowden, St. Philip's joined with San
13 Antonio College in 1945 to form the San Antonio Union Junior College
14 District, now the Alamo Community College District, and this
15 partnership has been of great benefit to countless students
16 throughout the region; and

17 WHEREAS, This accredited two-year college has grown steadily
18 through the years; during the past two decades alone, a southwest
19 site was added at the former East Kelly Air Force Base, four new
20 buildings were constructed at the main campus, and the school
21 opened the Learning and Leadership Development Center and Child
22 Development Center; in addition, St. Philip's College collaborated
23 with the Alamo Community College District to establish a Northeast
24 Campus and an Advanced Technology Center; and

1 WHEREAS, The staff and faculty of St. Philip's College have
2 committed themselves to meeting the educational needs of the
3 community, and by fostering a harmonious balance between
4 preparation for professional specializations and a liberal arts and
5 sciences curriculum, they have ensured that the institution will
6 remain an indispensable and welcome presence in the South Texas
7 landscape; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 110th anniversary of St.
10 Philip's College and extend to all those associated with the school
11 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the institution as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.