

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Panola College nursing programs have enhanced the
2 lives of countless northeast Texans by providing exceptional
3 nursing education for thousands of students; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in Carthage, Panola College established its
5 Licensed Vocational Nursing Program in 1972 and its Associate
6 Degree Nursing Program in 1994; through the years, more than 2,000
7 people have graduated with nursing degrees; and

8 WHEREAS, The outstanding curriculum and instruction provided
9 by the institution is evidenced by a 90 percent first-time
10 licensing exam passing rate for graduates of the Associate Degree
11 Nursing Program; in addition, both programs have earned
12 accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting
13 Commission; and

14 WHEREAS, Progressive and future-oriented, Panola College
15 anticipates student needs, and it is only the second school in Texas
16 to offer a complete RN program online; and

17 WHEREAS, The college emphasizes the humanitarian aspect of
18 nursing as well as academic requirements; students have provided
19 health screening and primary health care provider referral services
20 to approximately 1,200 people at annual Panola County health fairs
21 and participated in trips to Belize, bringing basic health services
22 to that country's most remote villages; and

23 WHEREAS, To better serve students, Panola College has used
24 grants from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for

1 innovation in nursing education to increase both graduation rates
2 and opportunities for experiential learning, and it operates a new
3 simulation lab in conjunction with East Texas Medical Center
4 Carthage; and

5 WHEREAS, Committed to excellence, the Panola College nursing
6 programs are truly worthy of recognition for their academic
7 excellence, innovation in education, and generous service to the
8 community; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor the Panola College nursing programs and
11 extend to the faculty, staff, and students sincere best wishes for
12 the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 684

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 684 was adopted by the House on March 19, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House