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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.