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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to 2 recognize the TEXAS Grant program on the occasion of its 10th 3 anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Legislation for the TEXAS Grant program was enacted in 1999 with the goal of providing thousands of Texas high school students the opportunity to attend college, thus helping them to better meet the challenges of the 21st century; and

8 WHEREAS, The program was designed to do for Texas what such 9 historic legislation as the GI Bill has done for the nation, that 10 is, to create a highly educated and skilled generation of young 11 people who might not otherwise have attended college due to 12 financial limitations; and

13 WHEREAS, A college education is a vital ingredient for 14 professional and economic success in our society, and encouraging 15 and supporting college students is among the state's top 16 priorities; and

WHEREAS, The TEXAS Grant program has already contributed to the betterment of the Lone Star State by aiding in the education and enrichment of some 205,000 students through nearly \$1.2 billion in funding, and it has become an integral component of the state's Closing the Gaps higher education strategy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the 10th anniversary of the creation of the TEXAS Grant program and extend sincere appreciation to all

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1 those involved in helping students access TEXAS Grants.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1532 was adopted by the House on April 23, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House