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H.R. No. 1767

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Mid-Valley Campus of South Texas College
2 commemorated the 15th anniversary of the school's founding on March
3 25, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1993 to serve the residents of Starr
5 and Hidalgo Counties, South Texas College offers more than 100
6 degree and certificate programs, including two bachelor's degrees
7 in applied technology, to approximately 20,000 students across its
8 five campuses; according to *Community College Week*, STC ranks in
9 the top 100 community colleges in the country for awarding
10 associate degrees, and it was ranked third in the nation for its
11 enrollment of Hispanic students by *Hispanic Outlook Magazine*;
12 moreover, it received the Community College Excellence Award from
13 the MetLife Foundation in 2008; and

14 WHEREAS, STC's Mid-Valley Campus opened in 1997, with the
15 support of the Weslaco Economic Development Corporation; today,
16 nearly 3,500 students from Weslaco, Donna, Mercedes, and other
17 surrounding communities attend the Mid-Valley Campus each
18 semester; in addition to promoting job creation and providing vital
19 opportunities for higher education in the Mid-Valley area, this
20 campus is the site for STC's Dual Enrollment Engineering Academy,
21 Garden Project, and Border Studies Club, and it is the base for the
22 region's annual Walk for Education; and

23 WHEREAS, With high-quality educational and workforce
24 programs, South Texas College is helping area Texans build a bright

1 future for themselves, and in so doing this notable institution is
2 contributing to the economic prosperity of the region; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 15th anniversary of South Texas
6 College and extend to all those affiliated with STC's Mid-Valley
7 Campus sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the campus as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.