

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Richland College has been designated as a two-year
2 National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance
3 Education, and the attainment of this prestigious status reflects
4 the high quality of its educational offerings in that field; and

5 WHEREAS, The National Center of Academic Excellence program
6 was established by the National Security Agency and the Department
7 of Homeland Security, with the support of the National Science
8 Foundation and CyberWatch, and it is intended to promote higher
9 education and research related to safeguarding the nation's
10 information infrastructure; and

11 WHEREAS, To be selected as a center of academic excellence, a
12 college or university must establish a strong information assurance
13 program and design its security courses in accordance with training
14 standards developed by the Committee on National Security Systems;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Richland College has placed a special emphasis on
17 information assurance and has offered a specialization in that area
18 since the fall of 2007 as part of its associate degree program in
19 digital forensics; students who complete this specialization are
20 trained in measures to prevent the loss, unauthorized modification,
21 and destruction of data, and they receive diverse training that
22 draws on skills in computer science, accounting, criminology,
23 management, and system and security engineering; and

24 WHEREAS, Covering the 2011 through 2016 school years, the

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1 National Center of Academic Excellence designation provides
2 recognition of Richland College's leadership in the study of cyber
3 security, and the institution's efforts to prepare well-trained
4 professionals to work in this crucial discipline is of great
5 benefit to our state and nation; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Richland College on
8 its designation as a two-year National Center of Academic
9 Excellence in Information Assurance Education and extend to all
10 those associated with the program sincere best wishes for continued
11 success; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 111 was adopted by the House on June 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House