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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, September 18, 2011, marks the 50th anniversary of
2 the day San Jacinto College opened its doors, and students,
3 faculty, staff, and alumni are celebrating this milestone
4 throughout the 2011-2012 academic year; and

5 WHEREAS, Originally known as the East Harris County Union
6 Junior College, the institution operated out of a storefront
7 location in downtown Pasadena and held its first day of classes on
8 September 18, 1961; its initial enrollment was close to 900
9 students, and the following year, a permanent campus opened within
10 sight of the San Jacinto Battleground; by 1964, the campus included
11 the administration, science, and music buildings, as well as a
12 gymnasium; and

13 WHEREAS, San Jacinto College was awarded full accreditation
14 by the Texas Association of Colleges and Universities in 1963,
15 becoming the first college to do so after just two years of
16 operation; during the 1960s, the institution granted associate
17 degrees and offered the first two years of a four-year college
18 curriculum in both day and evening programs, as well as technical
19 training in data processing, electronics, police administration,
20 nursing, and other fields; and

21 WHEREAS, By 1965, San Jacinto College ranked as the
22 second-largest junior college in the state with an enrollment of
23 more than 3,500 students; San Jacinto College North opened in the
24 fall of 1975, followed by San Jacinto College South four years

1 later; in December 1995, the board of regents adopted the official
2 name San Jacinto Community College District; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, San Jacinto College includes three campuses,
4 nine extension centers, and an early college high school; it serves
5 nearly 30,000 students in more than 140 degree and certificate
6 programs, including university transfer courses and job training;
7 in 2008, taxpayers approved a bond referendum to support growing
8 enrollment through renovations at each campus and the construction
9 of student success centers, science and allied health facilities,
10 and a 92,000-square-foot transportation center that will house
11 automotive technology programs; and

12 WHEREAS, For the past half-century, San Jacinto College has
13 provided students with important opportunities in higher
14 education, and in so doing it has enriched the lives of countless
15 area Texans; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
17 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 50th
18 anniversary of San Jacinto College and recognize September 19,
19 2011, as San Jacinto College Day; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for San Jacinto College as an expression of high regard by
22 the Texas House of Representatives.