

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Nine Texas community colleges have been ranked in
2 the top 10 percent of community colleges in the country by the Aspen
3 Institute; and

4 WHEREAS, Recognizing 120 schools for their innovative
5 strategies and exceptional results, the Aspen Institute has named
6 to its list Alvin Community College in Alvin, Trinity Valley
7 Community College in Athens, Lee College in Baytown, Blinn College
8 in Brenham, Texas State Technical College-West Texas in Sweetwater,
9 Texarkana College in Texarkana, Southwest Texas Junior College in
10 Uvalde, Victoria College in Victoria, and Wharton County Junior
11 College in Wharton; the institutions were selected through analysis
12 of publicly available data with technical support from the National
13 Center for Higher Education Management Systems and guidance from
14 the institute's Data/Metrics Advisory Panel; among the criteria
15 that the institute examined were overall student performance,
16 improvement, and performance by minority students; and

17 WHEREAS, The Aspen Institute was founded in 1950 to provide a
18 forum through which leaders could better understand the human
19 challenges facing the organizations and communities they serve; the
20 institute's College Excellence Program highlights institutions
21 that have achieved high levels of student success, and the schools
22 named to its list are eligible to compete for the \$700,000 Aspen
23 Prize for Community College Excellence; and

24 WHEREAS, The Aspen Institute employed a rigorous process to

1 rate the nation's community colleges, and inclusion in its list of
2 the top 120 is indeed a prestigious accolade; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the Texas
5 community colleges that were named among the top 120 community
6 colleges in the nation by the Aspen Institute and extend to all
7 those associated with these outstanding institutions sincere best
8 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
10 for the schools as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
11 of Representatives.

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Gallego
King of Taylor
Morrison
Zerwas

H.R. No. 295

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 295 was adopted by the House on June 29, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House