

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 128

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize San Jacinto College as it celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding; and

WHEREAS, The doors of San Jacinto College officially opened at 8:30 a.m. on September 18, 1961, and by the end of the week enrollment had reached 876; San Jacinto College had set a new record for first-year enrollment for Texas junior colleges, and the total was the second-largest first-year enrollment for all Texas colleges; and

WHEREAS, San Jacinto College rapidly became an educational leader in the greater Houston area, with a solid reputation of providing affordable, high-quality teaching and training in science, math, language, fine arts, and technical programs; and

WHEREAS, On April 6, 1963, San Jacinto College was awarded full accreditation by the Texas Association of Colleges and Universities, making it the first college to become a fully accredited member after only two years of operation; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 1966, San Jacinto College was accepted as a full member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, one of only two colleges to be granted full membership after only five years of operation; and

WHEREAS, San Jacinto College now operates three campuses, nine extension centers, and an early college high school, serving nearly 30,000 students in more than 140 degree and certificate options, including university transfer and job training programs; and

WHEREAS, San Jacinto College is preparing for future growth and expansion with facility upgrades at all three campuses that will enhance instruction in science, mathematics, allied health, and technology; and

WHEREAS, For 50 years, San Jacinto College has maintained a consistent tradition of excellence by providing outstanding, cost-effective education to the citizens of eastern Harris County; the 50th anniversary of the college is being celebrated during the 2011-2012 academic year with a variety of events and activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby applaud and congratulate San Jacinto College on 50 outstanding years of service to the community and proclaim September 19, 2011, as San Jacinto College Day; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the college as a memento of this special occasion.

Whitmire, Gallegos, Jackson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 28, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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