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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hundreds of Texas students are gathering at the
2 State Capitol on February 2, 2011, to mark Community College Day;
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4 WHEREAS, In recent years, community colleges have played an
5 increasingly important role in higher education; the total annual
6 enrollment for Texas community and technical colleges today exceeds
7 one million students, who represent more than half of the state's
8 postsecondary student population; and

9 WHEREAS, The knowledge and skills students gain at community
10 colleges significantly enhance their career prospects and ability
11 to contribute to a vibrant economy; according to a recent study, the
12 average mid-career annual income for an individual with an
13 associate's degree is 35 percent higher than that of an individual
14 with only a high school diploma; these earnings expand the tax base
15 in Texas by about \$4.25 billion annually, while saving the state an
16 estimated \$190 million each year due to the improved health and
17 economic well-being of persons who are college-educated; and

18 WHEREAS, Demonstrating their deep commitment to
19 community-based higher education, leaders of the Texas Junior
20 College Student Government Association, including President
21 Anthony Najjar, are joining with community college students,
22 community college trustees, and members of the Texas Association of
23 Community Colleges in the delegation coming to the Capitol for
24 discussions regarding the essential contributions their schools

1 make to the state; and

2 WHEREAS, Community colleges are a critical component of the
3 Texas system of higher education and make an immeasurable
4 difference in the economic vitality of the Lone Star State, and it
5 is indeed fitting to recognize this special day and to welcome these
6 notable community college advocates to Austin; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 2, 2011, as Community College
10 Day at the Capitol and extend to all the participants best wishes
11 for a memorable and meaningful visit.