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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 40th anniversary of the designation of the Texas
2 Sea Grant College Program is taking place in September 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, Created under the National Sea Grant College and
4 Program Act, Texas Sea Grant was one of the first four initiatives
5 of its kind to be established in the nation; beginning operation in
6 1971, the program is located at Texas A&M University, and it works
7 to enlist the academic research community as well as engage coastal
8 communities and provide marine education to people of all ages; and

9 WHEREAS, The program has awarded more than \$50 million in
10 competitive grants over the course of its history, and these funds
11 have allowed the state's best marine researchers to address
12 critical issues such as coastal erosion, harmful algal blooms,
13 aquaculture, and coastal hazards; in its efforts to enable the
14 state's marine businesses to prosper while being environmentally
15 sensitive, the program has pioneered many important projects,
16 including the implementation of efficient sea turtle excluder
17 devices in the trawling nets used by the state's commercial shrimp
18 fleet, which has helped to protect this endangered species; in
19 addition, Texas Sea Grant has served as a catalyst for progress on a
20 host of marine issues by bringing together diverse groups to solve
21 shared problems; moreover, one of its most successful outreach
22 initiatives has been the Adopt-A-Beach cleanup events; and

23 WHEREAS, The exceptional work that has been made possible
24 through the Texas Sea Grant College Program has helped foster the

1 wise use and conservation of the marine environment of the Lone Star
2 State, helping to ensure that the Texas coast will remain a valuable
3 resource for future generations; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Texas
6 Sea Grant College Program and commend all those affiliated with the
7 organization for their dedicated service; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the program as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.