

By: White

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, GEAR UP, or Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness  
2 for Undergraduate Programs, has contributed greatly to the success  
3 of the 2011 graduating class at Lufkin High School; and

4 WHEREAS, This federally funded grant program prepares  
5 students for college entrance requirements, introduces them to the  
6 application process, and provides guidance about financing their  
7 studies; and

8 WHEREAS, Members of the Lufkin High Class of 2011 have been  
9 involved with GEAR UP since they were in the seventh grade, and the  
10 program's long-term approach has paid rich dividends; each of the  
11 school's more than 500 graduating seniors has been admitted to a  
12 university, college, vocational or technical school, or a branch of  
13 the military, and collectively, they have earned more than \$3.6  
14 million in scholarships; and

15 WHEREAS, This exceptional class has received able guidance  
16 from GEAR UP coordinator Jennifer Williams, College Go Center  
17 counselor Lyndia Austin, Lufkin High School principal Mark Smith,  
18 and Lufkin ISD superintendent Roy Knight; and

19 WHEREAS, The GEAR UP program has provided important resources  
20 to students at Lufkin High, enabling these outstanding young Texans  
21 to fully explore the opportunities available to them and to look to  
22 the future with anticipation and optimism; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
24 Legislature hereby honor all those associated with the GEAR UP

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1 program at Lufkin High School and extend to the members of the 2011  
2 graduating class sincere best wishes for continued success in all  
3 their endeavors; and, be it further

4         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives.