

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 564

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join Texans across the state in observing March 20 through 26, 2011, as Early College High School Week; and

WHEREAS, Texas is home to 44 Early College High Schools and five combined Early College High School and Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Academies, serving more than 10,000 students statewide; and

WHEREAS, Early College High Schools blend high school and college curricula in order to provide traditionally underserved populations of students the opportunity to earn up to 60 hours of college credit while they finish high school; and

WHEREAS, These institutions create an entry into higher education for those who are the first generation of their families to attend college and provide dual credit at no cost to the students; by duplicating a college setting, Early College High Schools help students gain the skills they will need in order to thrive at college, increasing their attendance and success rates; and

WHEREAS, Students from Rapoport Academy Public School, Legacy Early College High School, Travis Early College High School, and Judson Early College Academy are visiting the Capitol during Early College High School Week, representing Early College High Schools from across the state, including those in Senate District 23, which are Cedar Hill Collegiate High School, Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Collegiate Academy, and Trinidad "Trini" Garza Early College High School at Mountain View College; and

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WHEREAS, It is truly fitting that these outstanding institutions should be recognized for their dedication to preparing students from all walks of life for success in college; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the students, faculties, and administrators of the Early College High Schools in Texas on their commitment to exposing students to an advanced multidisciplinary curriculum and extend best wishes for a successful Early College High School Week; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for these institutions as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 23, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate