

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 688

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize April 7, 2011, as Texas State Technical College Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Since the establishment of Texas State Technical College in 1965, more than 82,000 graduates of this outstanding institution have taken their places in the workforce; the college system has grown to include colleges in Harlingen, Marshall, and Waco and a West Texas college that has campuses in Abilene, Breckenridge, Brownwood, and Sweetwater, and partnerships with 55 colleges, school districts, and industry have further broadened the system's offerings; and

WHEREAS, Texas State Technical College is the only state-supported, two-year technical college system in Texas; it serves students from 220 of the state's 254 counties, including many who live in rural areas with limited access to institutions of higher education or workforce training; nearly 15,000 students are enrolled in its affordable, career-specific for-credit programs each year, and thousands more receive ongoing vocational training; and

WHEREAS, Texas State Technical College offers more than 120 associate of applied science degrees and certificates and provides innovative, customized training to persons already employed or who are seeking employment in Texas industries; and

WHEREAS, Many of the college's programs emphasize emerging technologies and vocational trades to help Texas meet the growing need for a highly trained workforce in an economy with global connections; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the administrators, faculty, and staff of Texas State Technical College for their many contributions to education and economic development in Texas and their dedication to helping students become skilled workers and leaders of the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of high regard 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 April 4, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate