

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1045

WHEREAS, It is essential for the future prosperity of the State of Texas that more Texas students seek and are prepared for higher education in order to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to compete in today's global economy; and

WHEREAS, Generation TX is an innovative initiative of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to develop a statewide commitment to creating a college-going and career-ready culture in Texas public schools; and

WHEREAS, Generation TX describes both the current generation, which represents the future of this state, and the shared aim of creating a culture where postsecondary education is both a goal and a possibility for all Texas students; and

WHEREAS, Generation TX seeks to assist students and their families by providing step-by-step guidance for achieving college and career education at any point in their lives, by clarifying the processes of applying for admission and financial aid, and by increasing awareness of and support for the Texas College and Career Readiness Standards; and

WHEREAS, GenTX.org, the official website of Generation TX, connects Texas students through an online support community and provides a unified resource center for students on the path to college and career education beyond high school; and

WHEREAS, GenTX Day is a day to celebrate and congratulate the students of Generation TX--especially the graduating class of 2011; as students take their next steps towards realizing their futures, communities across Texas are coming together to applaud their successes and support them as they prepare to go to

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college, begin career training, and personally contribute to a better future for all Texans; and

WHEREAS, GenTX Day provides an opportunity to unite as a state and inspire students to pursue higher education by sharing the joys and benefits of a postsecondary education: pride in oneself, broader opportunities, a rewarding career path, and the ability to take care of one's family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby declare May 20, 2011, as GenTX Day and encourage all Texans to demonstrate the community's united support for higher education and for Generation TX by wearing their favorite college t-shirt on this day; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Generation TX.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 20, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate