

By: Smith

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, History professor John C. Britt has served Lee  
2 College with distinction for nearly a half-century, and the  
3 institution named its social sciences building in his honor in  
4 April 2013; and

5           WHEREAS, In 1964, at the age of 24, Mr. Britt became the  
6 youngest member of the Lee College faculty; he was appointed  
7 director of the Honors Program in 1995, and under his leadership,  
8 many of its students have received regional and national awards and  
9 have presented research papers at the Texas State Historical  
10 Association, the Great Plains Honors Conference, and the National  
11 Conference on Undergraduate Research; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Britt is the comanaging editor for *Touchstone*, a  
13 journal of undergraduate research published by the TSHA, and he  
14 coedited two Baytown history anthologies that received  
15 Certificates of Commendation from the American Association for  
16 State and Local History; for 20 years, he taught in the college's  
17 Offender Education Program, and he has held myriad leadership roles  
18 in professional organizations; he has served on the TSHA board and  
19 on its education committee, and he is a member of the executive  
20 board of the Chambers County Historical Commission; moreover, he  
21 has chaired the Honors Committee of the Gulf Coast Intercollegiate  
22 Council, and he has conducted summer TSHA Heritage Travel Programs  
23 as well as traveling historical seminars for teachers, senior  
24 citizens, and students; and

1           WHEREAS, In 2007, the Lee College board of regents created  
2 the endowed John Britt Honors Chair; Mr. Britt is also the recipient  
3 of numerous other accolades, among them the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award  
4 of Excellence (Higher Education) from the Masonic Grand Lodge of  
5 Texas, the Western Region Faculty Award from the Association of  
6 Community College Trustees, and the Baytown Junior Chamber of  
7 Commerce Outstanding Educator Award; he was the first community  
8 college instructor to garner the Leadership in Education Award from  
9 the TSHA and the Ima Hogg Historical Achievement Award for  
10 Outstanding Contributions to the Cause of Texas History from the  
11 Center for American History at The University of Texas at Austin;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, This dynamic Baytown native earned his associate's  
14 degree at Lee College and went on to complete his bachelor's and  
15 master's degrees in history at Sam Houston State University; he  
16 taught at R. E. Lee High School before joining Lee College; and

17           WHEREAS, Over the course of 47 years, John Britt has  
18 encouraged innumerable young Texans to expand their intellectual  
19 horizons and develop a lasting interest in the history of the Lone  
20 Star State, and the naming of a building in his honor is truly a  
21 fitting tribute to his contributions; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
23 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend John C. Britt for  
24 his exceptional service to Lee College and his students and extend  
25 to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

26           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for Mr. Britt as an expression of high regard by the Texas

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1 House of Representatives.