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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Brazosport College in Lake Jackson has earned
2 recognition as one of the top community colleges in the nation by
3 being named as a finalist for the 2013 Aspen Prize for Community
4 College Excellence; and

5 WHEREAS, Presented by the Aspen Institute in Washington,
6 D.C., this prestigious award is the signature recognition for high
7 achievement by America's community colleges; Brazosport College is
8 one of only 10 such colleges in the nation, and the only one in
9 Texas, to be chosen as a finalist for this honor; and

10 WHEREAS, Founded in 1968, Brazosport College has benefited
11 from the dynamic leadership of Dr. Millicent Valek since 1996; the
12 school's status as a leading regional center for higher education
13 has been further strengthened by the recent completion of \$75
14 million in new and renovated facilities; and

15 WHEREAS, One of only three community colleges in Texas that
16 offer an applied baccalaureate degree, Brazosport provides a
17 variety of workforce training, transfer degree, and community
18 outreach programs; the school has been selected as a Leader College
19 by Achieving the Dream, a national student completion movement; of
20 those who have graduated from the school since 2005, 99 percent are
21 currently employed; and

22 WHEREAS, Almost half of all college students across the
23 country attend community colleges, and with this prestigious
24 recognition, Brazosport College has once again distinguished

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1 itself as a state and national leader in affordable, quality
2 education; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Brazosport College on being named a
5 finalist for the 2013 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence
6 and extend to its administration, faculty, and students sincere
7 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Brazosport College as an expression of high regard by
10 the Texas House of Representatives.