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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives of the Texas State Technical
2 College System are gathering in Austin to celebrate Texas State
3 Technical College System Day at the State Capitol on April 17, 2013;
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5 WHEREAS, In 1965, the Texas Legislature established the James
6 Connally Technical Institute in Waco on the site of James Connally
7 Air Force Base, which was about to close; another decommissioned
8 base in Harlingen was approved as a second campus two years later,
9 and in 1969, the colleges became an independent state system, Texas
10 State Technical Institute; and

11 WHEREAS, New campuses were subsequently founded on former air
12 force bases in Amarillo and Sweetwater, and as the demand for
13 technical education grew, extension centers were created in
14 McAllen, Abilene, Breckenridge, Brownwood, and Marshall; the
15 legislature elevated the schools to the status of two-year
16 institutions in 1991 under the name Texas State Technical College;
17 eventually, the Marshall extension center won official designation
18 as a stand-alone campus, Texas State Technical College Marshall;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, In 2011, the legislature redefined the Texas State
21 Technical College West Texas campus as serving four strategically
22 positioned, permanent locations at Sweetwater, Abilene,
23 Breckenridge, and Brownwood; TSTC West Texas now combines with the
24 System Operations Office and colleges in Harlingen, Marshall, and

1 Waco to form the TSTC System; and

2 WHEREAS, The system strives for excellence in instruction,
3 public service, faculty and manpower research, and economic
4 development; it collaborates closely with business, industry,
5 governmental agencies, and communities, and it partners with other
6 educational institutions across Texas to broaden access to
7 high-quality training in a variety of fields; through such
8 partnerships, it has developed TSTC locations in Fort Bend, Hondo,
9 Hutto-Taylor, Ingleside, Pearland, and Zapata; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its inception, Texas State Technical College
11 System has helped innumerable Texans reach their career goals, and
12 it has played a key role in building a skilled workforce that
13 contributes immeasurably to the prosperity of the Lone Star State;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize April 17, 2013, as TSTC System Day at
17 the State Capitol and extend to all those in attendance sincere best
18 wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event.