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H.R. No. 1871

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, It is essential for the future prosperity of the
2 Lone Star State that young Texans pursue higher education and
3 develop the knowledge and skills necessary to compete in today's
4 global economy; and

5 WHEREAS, Generation TX is an innovative program sponsored by
6 the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board that seeks to
7 establish a culture of college and career readiness in Texas public
8 schools and to promote the idea that postsecondary studies are a
9 realistic goal for all students in the state; and

10 WHEREAS, This community-based initiative assists students by
11 providing detailed guidance on how to further their education and
12 by outlining the processes of applying for admission and financial
13 aid; in addition, Generation TX provides inspiration to students to
14 pursue higher education, as well as valuable information on college
15 readiness; and

16 WHEREAS, GenTX.org, the official website of Generation TX,
17 connects students in a fun and informative online community and
18 serves as a resource center that clarifies the steps that students
19 need to take to pursue their studies beyond high school; and

20 WHEREAS, GenTX Day is being observed on May 3, 2013, to draw
21 attention to the Generation TX initiative and to celebrate and
22 congratulate students in the state, especially this year's
23 graduating seniors; to help commemorate GenTX Day, all residents of
24 the Lone Star State are asked to wear a T-shirt of their favorite

1 college to show their support for higher education; and

2 WHEREAS, This year's theme, "Take a Step on GenTX Day," is
3 designed to motivate school and community groups to celebrate the
4 day with college enrollment activities that help close educational
5 gaps in their community, so Generation TX is asking students,
6 parents, educators, nonprofits, businesses, and all participating
7 groups to do at least one of these three things on GenTX Day: fill
8 out a college application, take a college tour, or be a college
9 mentor; and

10 WHEREAS, A postsecondary education offers many benefits,
11 including broader opportunities, a more rewarding career path,
12 pride of achievement, and the ability to attain a better standard of
13 living, and the celebration of GenTX Day will help young Texans to
14 better appreciate the actions they can take to prepare themselves
15 for the challenges and opportunities of the future; now, therefore,
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize May 3, 2013, as GenTX Day at the State
19 Capitol and commend Generation TX for helping students and their
20 families become better informed about college and career education.