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H.R. No. 2915

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the senior leadership team from Aarhus  
2 Business College (AABC) in Aarhus, Denmark, are visiting Austin in  
3 May and June 2013 as part of an international collaboration with  
4 Austin Community College; and

5 WHEREAS, The partnership between the two institutions began  
6 when Dr. Molly Beth Malcolm traveled to AABC as a representative of  
7 Austin Community College in December 2012 to study the Danish  
8 higher education system; in response, Dr. Gitte Noergaard Nielsen,  
9 president of AABC, and Dr. Richard M. Rhodes, president and chief  
10 executive officer of ACC, developed a strategic plan to work  
11 together to develop new methods of teaching and learning in the  
12 digital environment, to create teacher and eventually student  
13 exchange opportunities, and to develop cross-Atlantic teaching  
14 programs; and

15 WHEREAS, Three faculty members from ACC visited AABC in April  
16 2013 to initiate the partnership, including Jill Brockmann, an  
17 adjunct professor in the business and technical communications  
18 department, Charles Quinn, dean of business studies, and Linda  
19 Smarzik, dean of computer studies and advanced technology; to  
20 reciprocate, the president and other administrators from AABC are  
21 visiting Austin and ACC to attend classes, tour program facilities,  
22 and experience the Lone Star State; representatives from AABC  
23 include Dr. Nielsen, as well as the college's chief financial  
24 officer, Kenneth Lindblad, vice president of vocational education

1 and training, Hans Henning Nielsen, and international relations  
2 officer, Lone Hansen; and

3 WHEREAS, These distinguished visitors are contributing to  
4 the future of Texas by working with Austin Community College to  
5 enhance teaching techniques in this globalized age of technological  
6 advancement, and it is most fitting that they should be officially  
7 welcomed and extended the status of honorary Texans; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize Gitte Noergaard Nielsen, Kenneth  
11 Lindblad, Hans Henning Nielsen, and Lone Hansen as honorary Texans  
12 and commend them for their achievements as forward-looking  
13 educational leaders; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
15 for the delegation as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
16 House of Representatives.