

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 821

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, GenTX Day is being observed on May 3, 2013, to draw attention to the Generation TX initiative and to celebrate and congratulate students in the state, especially this year's graduating seniors; to help commemorate GenTX Day, all residents of the Lone Star State can wear a T-shirt of their favorite college to show their support for higher education; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby recognize May 3, 2013, as GenTX Day and commend Generation TX for helping students and their families become better informed about college and career education; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate