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H.R. No. 1329

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Faculty, staff, and students from Lone Star College
2 are gathering in Austin on April 6, 2015, to celebrate Lone Star
3 College Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1972, Lone Star College, then known
5 as North Harris County College, initially served residents of the
6 Aldine, Humble, and Spring Independent School Districts; starting
7 out with 16 staff members and an enrollment of 613, it has since
8 expanded to become the largest higher education institution in the
9 Houston area, teaching 95,000 pupils at its six colleges and
10 numerous centers; it encompasses a region of more than 1,400 square
11 miles and draws students from 11 school districts, including New
12 Caney, Tomball, Conroe, Willis, Splendora, Klein,
13 Cypress-Fairbanks, and Magnolia; and

14 WHEREAS, Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the
15 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, this notable system
16 of higher learning provides an affordable, quality education to
17 area residents, allowing them to earn associate's degrees,
18 certifications in high-demand fields, and credits that enable them
19 to transfer to four-year colleges; furthermore, Lone Star College
20 offers dual-credit classes to accelerate college completion for
21 more than 8,000 area high school students as well as courses for
22 local youths and people age 50 and older through its Discovery
23 College summer programs and Academy for Lifelong Learning; and

24 WHEREAS, Under the expert guidance of Chancellor Stephen C.

1 Head, the institution has been nationally recognized as a Top 10
2 Associate Degree Producer by *Community College Week* magazine, and
3 it also is leading the Texas Reverse Transfer Initiative and the
4 Texas Completes effort to increase statewide college graduation
5 rates; and

6 WHEREAS, For more than four decades, Lone Star College has
7 devoted itself to giving students in the Houston area the best
8 educational opportunities possible, and in so doing, it has
9 equipped generations of Texans with the knowledge and skills
10 necessary to build a brighter future; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize April 6, 2015, as Lone Star College
13 Day at the State Capitol and extend sincere best wishes to the
14 delegation for an enjoyable and informative visit to Austin; and,
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Lone Star College as an expression of high regard by
18 the Texas House of Representatives.