

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, North Central Texas College--Bowie celebrated the  
2 15th anniversary of its opening on March 9, 2015; and

3           WHEREAS, Responding to a need for further educational  
4 opportunities in the area, the Bowie City Council created a college  
5 task force in 1995; community leaders subsequently partnered with  
6 North Central Texas College, using an economic development sales  
7 tax to fund the construction of a new campus in Bowie; in April  
8 1999, the city broke ground on a 16,000-square-foot building, and  
9 the campus opened its doors for the first time in January of the  
10 following year; and

11           WHEREAS, In the decade and a half since it welcomed its first  
12 students, NCTC--Bowie has undergone significant expansion, and it  
13 now boasts the resources of a comprehensive community college; in  
14 the summer of 2008, the campus launched an oil-and-gas technology  
15 program, and in 2009, that initiative received a boost with the  
16 opening of a new wing that featured a cutting-edge petroleum  
17 training facility, a library, learning labs, and a Student Success  
18 Center; and

19           WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of current director Jose  
20 DaSilva, the campus offers a wide variety of programs designed to  
21 equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter  
22 into prosperous and fulfilling careers, including technical  
23 training, dual-credit courses, and pathways for transferring to  
24 four-year schools; in addition, the campus serves the local

1 business community through classes on how to start a company and  
2 through free consultations for local entrepreneurs; furthermore,  
3 the Division of Lifelong Learning provides nontraditional students  
4 with a number of special interest classes as well as training in  
5 computer applications, life skills, and technical trades; and

6 WHEREAS, By furnishing its students with a solid educational  
7 foundation, North Central Texas College--Bowie is stimulating  
8 economic development in the city and the surrounding vicinity and  
9 increasing the standard of living among area residents, and it is  
10 indeed a privilege to recognize the campus's many contributions to  
11 its community at this time; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby commemorate the 15th anniversary of North  
14 Central Texas College--Bowie and extend to its administration,  
15 faculty, staff, and students sincere best wishes for continued  
16 success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1923

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1923 was adopted by the House on May 7, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House