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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.