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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Students, faculty, and staff of Texas State
2 Technical College are gathering in Austin on April 22, 2015, in
3 celebration of Texas State Technical College Day at the State
4 Capitol as well as in observance of the 50th anniversary of the
5 school's founding; and

6 WHEREAS, On this date in 1965, the 59th Texas Legislature
7 signed a bill into law to create a new technical-vocational
8 institute as a branch of Texas A&M University; originally called
9 the James Connally Technical Institute, it was established on the
10 James Connally Air Force Base in Waco; four of the institute's
11 original campuses were founded on former air force bases that were
12 closed following the end of hostilities in Korea; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1969, the college became a stand-alone
14 institution by order of the legislature, and the first members of
15 the board of regents were appointed; to keep pace with demand,
16 extension centers were built across the state, and in 1991, these
17 centers were elevated to the status of two-year technical colleges
18 under the name Texas State Technical College; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, Texas State Technical College boasts 11
20 locations in Abilene, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Harlingen,
21 Ingleside, Marshall, Red Oak, Sweetwater, Waco, Fort Bend County,
22 and Williamson County; it offers 124 associate's degrees and 133
23 certification programs that are adapted to current industry needs,
24 and it ranks first in Texas in conferring associate's degrees in

1 engineering fields, computer and information science and support
2 services, and precision production; and

3 WHEREAS, Each branch of TSTC is committed to excellence in
4 teaching, research, public service, and economic development, and
5 collectively, they have graduated over 97,500 students since the
6 college's inception half a century ago; TSTC further benefits from
7 more than 40 partnerships with other colleges and universities,
8 businesses, and school districts, making technical education
9 accessible to a wide population of Texans; and

10 WHEREAS, The institution is focused on providing students
11 with a route to a financially rewarding career; from 2010 to 2012,
12 the average first-year earnings of TSTC graduates rose by 60
13 percent; in addition, from 2010 to 2014, TSTC saw a 23 percent
14 increase in the number of awards won by students, and to date, TSTC
15 students have received more national SkillsUSA medals than all
16 other two- and four-year colleges in Texas combined; in 2013, TSTC
17 became the first college in the nation to adopt an
18 accountability-based funding model in which funds received by the
19 school are determined by student earnings and associated state tax
20 revenues; and

21 WHEREAS, By equipping them with leading-edge technical
22 skills and knowledge, Texas State Technical College is setting
23 numerous Texans on a course to lifelong success, and the
24 contributions of the school and its alumni are helping to keep the
25 Lone Star State at the forefront of industry and innovation; now,
26 therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize April 22, 2015, as Texas State
2 Technical College Day at the State Capitol and extend to the
3 visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and
4 informative stay in Austin; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Texas State Technical College as an expression of high
7 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.