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H.R. No. 3160

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Since its establishment in 2013, Access College
2 Texas has been a leader in promoting postsecondary educational
3 opportunities for Texans with intellectual and developmental
4 disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, The mission of ACT is to advance the creation of
6 programs that support lifelong learning and vocational training
7 that leads to meaningful gainful employment for persons with
8 intellectual and developmental disabilities, to raise awareness of
9 existing programs, and to build a coalition of organizations that
10 administer or advocate for such programs; current members of ACT
11 include the Austin Community College STEPS program, the Houston
12 Community College VAST Academy, the Texas Center for Disability
13 Studies at The University of Texas at Austin, and The University of
14 Texas Informal Class program, in coordination with the College of
15 Natural Sciences; and

16 WHEREAS, Representatives of ACT have delivered presentations
17 at conferences and community forums throughout Texas, in addition
18 to addressing state agencies and committees focused on the needs of
19 Texans with disabilities; their determined efforts have helped
20 initiate the development of programs at six colleges and
21 universities, and they have provided guidance to lawmakers and
22 agencies with an interest in increasing the accessibility of
23 postsecondary education; and

24 WHEREAS, The State of Texas gains significantly when

1 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are
2 afforded opportunities to explore their skills and interests and
3 obtain competitive employment so that they can live as
4 independently as possible, and Access College Texas is to be
5 commended for its admirable work in engaging state and community
6 leaders around this goal; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize Access College Texas for its work to
9 provide postsecondary educational opportunities for students with
10 intellectual and developmental disabilities and extend to all those
11 affiliated with the group sincere best wishes for the future; and,
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Access College Texas as an expression of high regard by
15 the Texas House of Representatives.