

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 491

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Under the expert guidance of Chancellor Stephen C. Head, the institution has been nationally recognized as a Top 10 Associate Degree Producer by *Community College Week* magazine,

and it also is leading the Texas Reverse Transfer Initiative and the Texas Completes effort to increase statewide college graduation rates; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Lone Star College as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate