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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, San Jacinto College was presented with a 2017 Rising  
2 Star Award by the Aspen Institute on March 14, 2017, and this  
3 notable achievement truly merits special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Chosen from among more than 1,000 community colleges  
5 from across the nation, San Jacinto ranked among the top five  
6 schools evaluated by the institute, based on its demonstrated  
7 excellence in the areas of academic achievement, degree completion,  
8 job placement, and access for minority and low-income students;  
9 along with the Rising Star title, the school received a \$100,000  
10 prize; and

11 WHEREAS, San Jacinto College was established in 1961 and has  
12 since grown to encompass 4 campuses and 10 extension centers  
13 throughout the greater Houston area; it currently serves over  
14 40,000 students, more than half of whom are underrepresented  
15 minorities; within the last 10 years, the college has further  
16 distinguished itself by boosting degree and certificate completion  
17 rates by more than 160 percent; and

18 WHEREAS, Higher education plays an integral role in  
19 sustaining the prosperity of the Lone Star State, and through their  
20 dedication to expanding access and opportunities for their  
21 students, the members of the faculty, staff, and administration at  
22 San Jacinto College are making a positive difference in the lives of  
23 countless Texans; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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1 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate San Jacinto  
2 College on its selection as a recipient of a 2017 Rising Star Award  
3 from the Aspen Institute and extend to all those associated with the  
4 school sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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