

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The celebration of Blinn College Day at the State
2 Capitol on March 7, 2017, provides an ideal opportunity to
3 recognize this noteworthy institution; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1883, Blinn is a comprehensive
5 two-year college presenting academic transfer, workforce training,
6 and continuing education classes at campuses in Brenham, Bryan,
7 Schulenburg, and Sealy; the college offers 96 academic degree and
8 certificate programs, and its close partnerships with state
9 universities have allowed for the creation of such innovative
10 educational opportunities as the Texas A&M Engineering Academy at
11 Blinn, the Transfer Enrollment at A&M (TEAM) Program, and the Blinn
12 College Simulation and Clinical Labs at the Texas A&M Health
13 Science Center in Bryan; and

14 WHEREAS, Blinn College has seen significant enrollment
15 growth in the past decade, and its transfer rate of 39.5 percent
16 nearly doubles the statewide average; moreover, the college's
17 workforce training job placement rate exceeds 90 percent over a
18 three-year average, and since August 2015, Blinn has obtained more
19 than \$1 million in skills development fund grants to provide safety
20 and skills jobs for local businesses; and

21 WHEREAS, High school students from 52 public, private, and
22 charter schools benefit from the college's dual credit program, and
23 Blinn works with the Bryan Independent School District to operate
24 Bryan Collegiate High School, where approximately 70 percent of

1 those enrolled are first-generation college students; and

2 WHEREAS, Blinn College continues to develop its facilities in
3 Brazos County, and the Blinn-Bryan campus recently completed a \$10
4 million renovation project to improve student services;
5 additionally, in 2016, the Texas A&M University System and Blinn
6 College announced a partnership to offer new and expanded programs
7 at the RELDIS Campus to meet workforce training needs in the Brazos
8 Valley; and

9 WHEREAS, A forward-looking institution with a long history
10 and many notable achievements, Blinn College has played an
11 important role in higher education in the Lone Star State, and it is
12 indeed a pleasure to honor the college on this special day; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature hereby recognize March 7, 2017, as Blinn College Day at
16 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
17 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.

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Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
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Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
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Farrar	Morrison	White
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H.R. No. 659

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 659 was adopted by the House on March 7, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House