

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The prosperity of Texas increasingly depends upon
2 highly educated and skilled workers, and six nonprofit workforce
3 development groups across the state have been greatly assisted in
4 their efforts by the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Fund;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Established by the Texas Legislature in 2013, the
7 ACE fund provides matching monies to regional partnerships of
8 community organizations, employers, and community colleges, with
9 the goal of helping to break the link between poverty and
10 undereducation; and

11 WHEREAS, The six workforce development organizations that
12 have received ACE matching funds are Project QUEST in San Antonio,
13 the Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement in the Rio
14 Grande Valley, Project ARRIBA in El Paso, Capital IDEA of Central
15 Texas, Skill QUEST in Dallas, and Capital IDEA Houston; more than
16 12,000 Texans have embarked on new careers in health care,
17 technology, and the trades through education supported by those
18 groups; and

19 WHEREAS, Since 2014, thanks to the ACE matching funds, nearly
20 800 workers have started jobs in new industries at an average hourly
21 rate of \$20.66; this year alone, the six organizations are
22 supporting the career education of 2,482 low-income individuals,
23 nearly half of whom are receiving training because of aid from the
24 fund; for every dollar invested, the six groups return between

1 \$12.12 and \$26.10 to the community, taxpayers, and participants;
2 moreover, in Central Texas, the graduates of Capital IDEA send 70
3 percent of their children to college; and

4 WHEREAS, By augmenting the resources available to the six
5 participating workforce organizations, the ACE fund has improved
6 outcomes in developmental education, graduation rates, continuing
7 attendance in postsecondary institutions, and placement in
8 high-skill careers, and the staff and volunteers of those programs
9 may take great pride in helping the next generation of Texans
10 prepare for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature hereby honor Project QUEST, VIDA, Project ARRIBA,
14 Capital IDEA of Central Texas, Skill QUEST, and Capital IDEA
15 Houston for their commitment to strengthening the skills of Texas
16 workers and for their careful stewardship of the taxpayer dollars
17 entrusted to them by the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education
18 Fund; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for each organization as an expression of high regard by
21 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
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Anchia	Guerra	Paul
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Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
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Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
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Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
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Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
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Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
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H.R. No. 921

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 921 was adopted by the House on March 21, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House