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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Odessa College has been named the recipient of a  
2 2017 Rising Star award by the Aspen Institute; and

3 WHEREAS, The Rising Star award recognizes public community  
4 colleges across the country for exceptional achievement, measured  
5 by outcomes in student learning, certificate and degree completion,  
6 employment and earnings, and high levels of access and success for  
7 minority and low-income students; the honor brings a monetary prize  
8 of \$100,000 to further advance the school's mission; and

9 WHEREAS, Many positive factors contributed to the selection  
10 of Odessa College; the school increased its annual  
11 graduation-transfer rates from 15 percent to 32 percent in just  
12 four years, and it maintained a course withdrawal rate of only 1.8  
13 percent; five years after graduating, members of the Class of 2010  
14 earned more than double the wages of all other workers in the  
15 region; moreover, OC prides itself on the cultural diversity of its  
16 campus population; and

17 WHEREAS, Open access and affordability make community  
18 colleges a vital component of higher education, and through its  
19 long-standing commitment to excellence, Odessa College has  
20 distinguished itself as a resource of immeasurable value to West  
21 Texas and beyond; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Odessa College on its receipt of a  
24 Rising Star award from the Aspen Institute and extend to the

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1 administration, faculty, students, and staff sincere best wishes  
2 for continued success; and, be it further

3         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Odessa College as an expression of high regard by the  
5 Texas House of Representatives.