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H.R. No. 1546

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Association of Student Financial Aid
2 Administrators is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, TASFAA was founded in 1967 to advance a profession
4 dedicated to providing students with the resources and information
5 necessary to access higher education opportunities; membership has
6 grown to more than 2,000 Texans and also includes individuals in
7 several other states; and

8 WHEREAS, Among the initiatives TASFAA has created to increase
9 awareness of student financial aid options and financing programs
10 are Financial Aid Awareness Week, the Middle School Project, and
11 high school counselor training activities; in addition, the
12 association assists in completing the Free Application for Federal
13 Student Aid; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the years, TASFAA has also coordinated with
15 other entities committed to helping students pursue their dreams;
16 in the late 1990s, it worked with Representative Henry Cuellar and
17 with other groups to establish the Toward Excellence, Access, and
18 Success Grant Program, or TEXAS, the first statewide, need-based
19 grant program for students attending Texas public postsecondary
20 institutions; and

21 WHEREAS, The organization engages in advocacy at the state
22 and federal levels, proposing refinements to current aid programs
23 and suggesting other measures to improve the affordability of
24 postsecondary education; moreover, it promotes administrative

1 efficiency, program integrity and quality, and the simplification
2 of applications, disbursements, and collections; and

3 WHEREAS, Through its efforts to make postsecondary education
4 more accessible and affordable, the Texas Association of Student
5 Financial Aid Administrators is making a positive difference in the
6 lives of countless Texans and strengthening the workforce that is
7 key to the prosperity of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Association of Student
10 Financial Aid Administrators on its 50th anniversary and extend to
11 its members sincere best wishes for continued success in their
12 vital endeavors; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.