

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 654

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize San Jacinto College for being honored as one of the nation's top five community colleges by Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program; and

WHEREAS, The Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence is the signature recognition of high achievement and performance among community colleges in the United States; San Jacinto College was honored with an Aspen Prize Rising Star award for its success in several areas, including student academic performance, degree and college completion rates, job placement, and minority and low-income student accomplishment; this prestigious award distinguishes the school as a top five institution among more than 1,000 community colleges across the country; and

WHEREAS, San Jacinto College has been a leader in higher education in Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast region since 1961; the school has gained widespread recognition for its progressive approach to student learning and for implementing innovative programs that focus on helping students to succeed and on lowering the costs of continuing education; and

WHEREAS, Over the last 10 years, San Jacinto College has experienced a dramatic increase in the number of degrees and certificates awarded to students; the school has also helped students excel in the labor market by establishing beneficial partnerships with local businesses and by aligning program learning outcomes to industry standards; and

WHEREAS, Whether preparing students to continue their higher education path or to meet the demands of a changing marketplace, the educators and administrators at San Jacinto College are committed to ensuring the long-term success of their students; they can indeed take pride in their outstanding accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend congratulations to the administrators, faculty, staff, and students of San Jacinto College on being named among the top five community colleges in the nation and proclaim April 25, 2017, San Jacinto College Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the college as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Garcia

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 25, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate