

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 658

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The organization engages in advocacy at the state and federal levels, proposing refinements to current aid programs and suggesting other measures to improve the affordability of postsecondary education; moreover, it promotes administrative efficiency, program integrity and quality, and the simplification of applications, disbursements, and

collections; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate