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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Delegations from Lee College, College of the
2 Mainland, and Galveston College are gathering for Community College
3 Day at the State Capitol on January 30, 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, Lee College opened its doors to 177 students in
5 1934; a vocational institute was added two years later, and in 1948,
6 the school was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges
7 and Schools; since 1988, the school has added a new science
8 building, a fine arts complex, a technology center and library, and
9 a sports and wellness complex; today, the Lee College Foundation
10 offers more than 275 scholarships a year, and the college enrolls
11 over 9,000 students in academic, technical education, and
12 continuing education programs each semester; for over 80 years,
13 ExxonMobil has partnered with the college to prepare students for
14 long-lasting and well-paying jobs in petroleum refining; and

15 WHEREAS, College of the Mainland operated out of temporary
16 quarters when it was first founded in September 1967, and a new
17 campus was established in Texas City in 1970; over the years, many
18 new buildings and programs have been added, including two
19 industrial education buildings for the automotive and diesel
20 mechanics technology programs, the Public Service Careers building
21 for students interested in training as first responders, a learning
22 center in League City, and the Gulf Coast Safety Institute; the
23 college serves more than 3,900 credit and 1,000 continuing
24 education students each year; and

1 WHEREAS, A comprehensive community college for Galveston
2 Island and the surrounding region, Galveston College also opened in
3 September 1967, and over the years, it has built a strong reputation
4 with such programs as health occupations and culinary arts; it has
5 also won recognition for its workforce development initiatives, its
6 innovative fund-raising techniques, its NJCAA athletics, and its
7 special services for students; today, the college serves 2,300
8 credit students each semester as well as 5,000 continuing education
9 students each year; and

10 WHEREAS, These three outstanding educational institutions
11 have provided generations of students with the knowledge, skills,
12 and inspiration they need to create meaningful and productive
13 lives, and they are truly worthy of recognition on this special day;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby welcome the delegations from Lee College,
17 College of the Mainland, and Galveston College to the State Capitol
18 and extend to them sincere best wishes for a meaningful and
19 memorable visit.