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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Brazosport College is celebrating its 50th
2 anniversary during the 2018-2019 school year, and this is a fitting
3 opportunity to take note of its outstanding record of service to the
4 students of southern Brazoria County; and

5 WHEREAS, Originally known as Brazosport Junior College, the
6 school enrolled its first 879 students in the fall of 1968, and it
7 graduated its inaugural class in 1970, when the name was changed to
8 Brazosport College; this venerable institution has benefited from
9 the leadership of four presidents, including Dr. J. R. Jackson,
10 Dr. W. A. Bass, Dr. John R. Grable, and the current president,
11 Dr. Millicent Valek, who has served since 1996; and

12 WHEREAS, Situated on a spacious 156-acre campus in Lake
13 Jackson, Brazosport College has undergone an impressive period of
14 growth over the past two decades; in 2002, the Corporate Learning
15 Center and the Bill and Julia May Children's Center were built, and
16 in 2005, The Clarion music venue was added; in recent years, the
17 school has seen the construction of the BASF Center for Process
18 Technology, the Byron and Sandra Sadler Health Professions/Science
19 Complex, the Dow Academic Center, and a new student pavilion;
20 moreover, the BCPC Welding Technologies Lab and the Freeport LNG
21 Crafts Academy were dedicated in 2016; and

22 WHEREAS, Brazosport College received accreditation as a
23 baccalaureate-level institution in 2004, and it offers four-year
24 programs in industrial and health services management, along with

1 two-year degree and certification programs for a wide variety of
2 careers; its 300 faculty serve the educational needs of 4,000
3 degree students each semester and 4,000 continuing education
4 students each year, as well as 20,000 participants in business and
5 industry training; and

6 WHEREAS, The Brazosport College Foundation has done
7 outstanding work raising funds for the college, including \$5.6
8 million for the Building a Legacy Campaign in 2002, \$5.5 million
9 with the Your College Capital Campaign in 2008, and \$3 million with
10 the Crafts Academy Capital Campaign in 2015; in 2013 and 2015, the
11 college was named a Top 10 Community College in the nation by the
12 Aspen Institute, and in 2010, 2013, and 2016, the school was
13 certified as a Leader College by Achieving the Dream; and

14 WHEREAS, For half a century, Brazosport College has remained
15 committed to meeting the educational needs of its students, and the
16 school has played a vital role in helping many Texans build a bright
17 and prosperous future for themselves; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Brazosport College on its 50th
20 anniversary and extend to all those associated with the college
21 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Brazosport College as an expression of high regard by
24 the Texas House of Representatives.