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H.R. No. 503

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Weatherford College is celebrating its 150th
2 anniversary in 2019, providing a fitting opportunity to pay tribute
3 to this fine institution's long record of achievement; and

4 WHEREAS, One of the oldest colleges in Texas, Weatherford
5 College was established in 1869, before both Texas A&M University
6 and The University of Texas; founded by the Phoenix Lodge No. 273 of
7 the Masons, the school was originally known as the Weatherford
8 Masonic Institute and later as Cleveland College; in the 1880s, the
9 school was purchased by the Methodist Church and renamed
10 Weatherford College; and

11 WHEREAS, Women were first admitted to Weatherford in 1917,
12 and the school officially became a junior college in 1921; its
13 association with the Methodist Church ended in 1949, when the
14 school became a public institution; during the 1960s, Weatherford's
15 student population began to outgrow the original building, called
16 Old Main, and in 1968, the school was relocated to its current
17 hilltop location; and

18 WHEREAS, Weatherford College today serves Parker, Palo
19 Pinto, Hood, Jack, and Wise Counties, and it has educational
20 centers in Mineral Wells and Granbury, as well as a campus between
21 Decatur and Bridgeport; the school offers associate and associate
22 of applied science degrees in a wide variety of subjects, including
23 accounting, biology, liberal arts, music, premedicine, teacher
24 education, business administration, criminal justice, fire

1 science, information technology, and occupational therapy, among
2 many others; and

3 WHEREAS, In January 2019, Weatherford College was named
4 Educational Partner of the Year by Workforce Solutions of North
5 Central Texas at the group's 22nd annual Awards of Excellence in
6 Grand Prairie, and it was cited for its 35 training opportunities
7 for occupations listed on WSNCT's Target Occupations List; and

8 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich heritage as they work to
9 prepare for a bright future, the students, faculty, and staff of
10 Weatherford College may indeed take great pride in their
11 institution and its long history of educational excellence; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
14 Legislature hereby commemorate the sesquicentennial of Weatherford
15 College and extend to the members of the college community sincere
16 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Weatherford College as an expression of high regard by
19 the Texas House of Representatives.