

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

WHEREAS, Collin College has been presented with a 2020-2021 Innovation of the Year Award by the League for Innovation in the Community College; and

WHEREAS, The award was given to Collin College to recognize its creation of a new health care benefit plan called CougarCare that offers telehealth and mental health coverage at no cost to students, adjunct faculty, and part-time staff; the COVID-19 pandemic, which has imposed significant stress on students, provided the impetus for the development of the program, and Collin College's Board of Trustees approved an investment of up to \$750,000 for it in July 2020; and

WHEREAS, Through the CougarCare plan, eligible individuals can receive free on-demand virtual-visit medical care and mental health counseling from licensed physicians and counselors anywhere in the United States, with services available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS, Collin College's investment in the CougarCare program is a testament to the institution's deep commitment to the success, morale, and overall well-being of its students, faculty, and staff, and this commendable endeavor is most deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Collin College on its receipt of a 2020-2021 Innovation of the Year Award from the League for Innovation in the Community College and extend to its administrators, faculty, staff, and students sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 26, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate