

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Howard College celebrated its 75th anniversary with
2 a gala event at its main campus in Big Spring on September 30, 2021;
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4 WHEREAS, The Howard County Junior College District was
5 established in November 1945, and the following year, 148 students
6 enrolled, meeting for their first classes on September 30 in the
7 hospital unit of the former Big Spring Army Air Force Bombardier
8 School; the institution was admitted to the Association of Texas
9 Colleges in 1947 and later earned full accreditation from the
10 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; in 1951, trustees
11 passed a resolution to admit students regardless of race, creed, or
12 color, and that same year, the college moved to its current campus;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Renamed Howard College in 1974, the school continued
15 to grow and thrive, and over the years, a number of new buildings
16 and programs were added, including the SouthWest College for the
17 Deaf, the country's first such institution of its kind; today,
18 under the leadership of President Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, Howard also
19 offers courses at its San Angelo and Lamesa campuses, as well as at
20 the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institution and the Eden
21 Detention Center; proudly serving a diverse student body, the
22 college is designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, and it has
23 been ranked among the top Military Friendly Schools in the nation;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, In commemoration of the college's 75th anniversary,
2 the Howard community has held various events since November 2020,
3 including several ribbon cuttings and ground breakings on the Big
4 Spring Campus; in January 2021, the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce
5 hosted a grand opening for the school's newly renovated Cactus
6 Room, which now features state-of-the-art technology for lectures
7 and special events; and

8 WHEREAS, For three quarters of a century, Howard College has
9 provided students with important opportunities in higher
10 education, and in so doing, it has enriched the lives of countless
11 Texans; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 75th
14 anniversary of Howard College and extend to all those affiliated
15 with the institution sincere best wishes for continued success;
16 and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 152

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 152 was adopted by the House on
October 18, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House