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H.R. No. 928

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Western Governors University Texas is celebrating
2 its 10th anniversary in 2021; and

3 WHEREAS, A nonprofit, fully online institution, WGU Texas was
4 established in 2011 as an affiliate of the national Western
5 Governors University, created in 1997 by the governors of 19
6 states, including Texas; WGU Texas partners with the state under a
7 memorandum of understanding and coordinates with the Texas Higher
8 Education Coordinating Board, Texas Education Agency, and Texas
9 Workforce Commission; and

10 WHEREAS, The school's mission is to offer affordable access
11 to quality education for adults with busy schedules; students take
12 courses at their own pace and advance by proving competency, rather
13 than by logging a specific number of hours, and individualized
14 instruction is supported by program mentors; with more than 60
15 accredited undergraduate and graduate degree programs, the
16 university prepares Texans for such high-demand, high value fields
17 as business, information technology, education, and health care;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Students typically earn a bachelor's degree within
20 two and a half years, spending less than \$17,000, or about a fifth
21 of the usual cost; moreover, WGU Texas facilitates transfers from
22 other institutions via a statewide articulation agreement with the
23 Texas Association of Community Colleges; each year since its
24 inception, it has received the Military Friendly School

1 designation; and

2 WHEREAS, From an initial enrollment of about 1,600, WGU Texas
3 has grown steadily, and today it serves 14,000 students across the
4 state; 70 percent are members of one or more underserved
5 populations; alumni living and working in Texas number more than
6 18,000; and

7 WHEREAS, WGU Texas creates pathways to opportunity through
8 innovation and a student-centric culture, and in so doing, it
9 improves lives and strengthens the workforce that is the engine of
10 our state's prosperity; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature hereby commemorate the 10th anniversary of Western
13 Governors University Texas and extend to all those associated with
14 the institution sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
15 it further

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