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**Date of Board Meeting:** July 15, 2025

**Subject:**

Recommend approval of a RESOLUTION to honor Senator Joan Huffman, Texas District 17, for meritorious service in support of Wharton County Junior College students, staff, and the communities it serves.

**Recommendation:**

Recommend approval of a RESOLUTION to honor Senator Joan Huffman, Texas District 17, for meritorious service in support of Wharton County Junior College students, staff, and the communities it serves.

**Background and Rationale:**

Senator Joan Huffman was first elected to the Texas Senate in 2008 and has been re-elected six times. In this time she has served Texas Senate District 17, which initially contained our Richmond and Sugar Land campuses, and now after the recent redistricting, contains our Wharton and Bay City campuses. During the recently completed 89th Legislative Session Senator Huffman was instrumental in supporting a special request posed by President Betty McCrohan for a \$5 million earmark to the state budget for the expansion of the trade school in Bay City. (The Wharton County Junior College Trade School at Bay City was initiated in 2023 after a \$2 million appropriation was received by W.C.J.C. from the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature at the request of President McCrohan.) This supplemental request of \$5 million from the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislature will expand the course offerings of the Trade School, further building out the facility and instituting new programming and necessary equipment.

**Cost and Budgetary Support:** None

**Strategic Priority Alignment:**

☐ Student Success

☐ Community Impact

☐ Resource Optimization

☒ Institutional Excellence

**Resource Person(s):**

Betty McCrohan, President

Kay Shoppa, Ed.D., Legislative Assistant to the President

**Signatures:**

Kay Shoppa  
Originator

7/8/25  
Date

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Cabinet-Level Supervisor

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Date

**President's Approval:**

Betty McCrohan  
President

7-9-25  
Date

## WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE

A RESOLUTION to honor Senator Joan Huffman, Texas District 17, for meritorious service in support of Wharton County Junior College.

WHEREAS, it is the practice of the Wharton County Junior College District to recognize and honor individuals who have given extraordinary support and/or service to the success of Wharton County Junior College, its students, and staff;

WHEREAS, Senator Joan Huffman was first elected to the Texas Senate in 2008 and has been re-elected six times representing the constituency of Texas District 17;

WHEREAS, Senator Joan Huffman has represented Wharton County Junior College during the entirety of her tenure in the Texas Senate, with various of the Wharton County Junior College campuses located in her district through the years;

WHEREAS, Senator Joan Huffman is known for her integrity and relentless effort to promote exceptional educational opportunities for Texans, further stimulating job growth and the economy of Texas;

WHEREAS, Senator Joan Huffman recently lead a charge to initiate the development of a Trade School on the Wharton County Junior College campus in Bay City that her constituency recognized was necessary to support the needs of industry in her district;

WHEREAS, Senator Joan Huffman's recognized the importance of the Trade School to the economic development of Bay City and the Gulf Coast area which led her to support the further expansion of the trade school programs to include greater workforce construction offerings, increasing the Trade School's ability to effectively support and serve the communities of her district;

WHEREAS, without the support of Senator Joan Huffman and the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature the expansion of the Wharton County Junior College Trade School at Bay City would not have been possible;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED through the formal adoption of this RESOLUTION by the Wharton County Junior College Board of Trustees that Senator Joan Huffman be recognized for her unwavering, meritorious support of Wharton County Junior College students, staff, and the communities within Texas District 17.

EXECUTED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

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Board Chair