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Date of Board Meeting: November 19, 2024

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 last Legislative Session Senator Huffman was instrumental in supporting a special request posed by President Betty McCrohan for a \$2 million earmark to the state budget for the creation of a trade school in Bay City. The Wharton County Junior College Trade School at Bay City is near completion and a grand opening for the facility is being planned for early 2025.

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

11/7/24
Date

Cabinet-Level Supervisor

Date

President's Approval:

Betty McCrohan
President

11-7-24
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, the Board of Trustees of Wharton County Junior College formally confers recognition to honor persons whose contributions to the College inspire widespread appreciation and respect;

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 committed to keeping the Texas economy strong and our Texas communities safe from crime;

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, the presence and subsequent awareness of Senator Huffman's standing within the Texas Senate serves as a source of inspiration for all students and staff due to her proven strong leadership;

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, without the support of Senator Joan Huffman and the 88th Texas Legislature the creation 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 19th day of November, 2024.

Board Chair