

RESOLUTION No. 161

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TEXAS EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR FUNDING OF THE TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY (TTU) HILL COUNTRY EDUCATIONAL NETWORK AND THE TTU CENTER AT JUNCTION.

Whereas, the Hill Country of Texas – one of the fastest growing rural areas in the nation – is underserved by institutions of higher education, and;

Whereas, the continued economic viability of rural Texas and the success and welfare of its residents is highly dependent upon the provision of higher – education services, and;

Whereas, it is essential for the area’s diverse student population to have ready access to higher education opportunities, and;

Whereas, the TTU Hill Country Educational Network and the TTU Center at Junction are critical to meeting the needs of this student population at an affordable cost, and;

Whereas, the educational network and the center are the first comprehensive effort in Texas to provide services to a wide rural area, and;

Whereas, this educational endeavor promotes collaboration, not competition, among colleges and universities, and;

Whereas, local communities in the Hill Country continue to invest in this endeavor, with significant contributions by local governments and private donors, and;

Whereas, local volunteers, donors and community partners, working with respect to the “*College for Texans*” Campaign of the State of Texas have raised and awarded scholarship funds to local students within the educational network, and;

Whereas, continuing State support of the TTU Hill Country Educational Network and the TTU Center at Junction is crucial;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TEXAS THAT THE BOARD:

1. Fully supports the Texas Tech University request for appropriations for each fiscal year 2006 and 2007, as submitted to the Texas Legislature, for the TTU Hill Country Educational Network at Fredericksburg and Highland Lakes, and the TTU Center at Junction.
2. Strongly recommends each enactment of these appropriations at the levels requested-
 - A. *TTU Hill Country Educational Network*, in the amount of \$999,999 consisting of Special Item Request of \$380,078, an Exceptional Item Request of \$57,421, and an Exceptional Item request of \$562,641.
 - B. *TTU Center at Junction*, in the amount of \$316,908, consisting of a Special Item Request of \$275,276 and an Exceptional Item of \$41,641.

RESOLVED this 18th day of January, 2005

Roscoe L. Holt
Mayor

Jeanne Ormiston
City Secretary