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Spring Branch, North Forest Request Election for Annexation into HCC District

Future Benefits: Access to Quality Education at Half the Cost

Houston, TX [June 10, 2009] – In a Special Meeting on June 4, the Houston Community College Board of Trustees unanimously passed resolutions accepting the verified petitions submitted by citizens living in the North Forest Independent School District and the Spring Branch Independent School District for inclusion in the Houston Community College District. Consistent with Section 130 of the Texas Education Code, the Resolution noted that HCC has prepared a Service Plan for each individual territory and has directed the Chancellor to set public hearings for public input on the Service Plan and on the question of annexation of the two territories.

With the benefit of being in-district, the residents of these two communities will be able to take HCC courses and career and technical programs at 50% of the tuition, saving a full-time student approximately \$1,600 for two semesters. The tuition rate that would apply after annexation for a student who resides in Spring Branch, North Forest or in other in-district areas is \$57 for one credit hour. The tuition rate that applies for a student who resides outside the HCC district is \$104 for one credit hour.

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About HCC

HCC is an open-admission, public institution of higher learning whose relevance to Houston and the surrounding areas is reflected in its status as the No. 1 community college in the country for international students. The learning opportunities offered by HCC prepare individuals in our diverse communities with the essential tools for success in an increasingly international and technological society.