

RESOLUTION

URGING THE 82ND TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO REDUCE PROPOSED FUNDING CUTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES; TO USE AVAILABLE FUNDING FROM THE ECONOMIC STABILIZATION FUND AND TO REMEDY THE FUNDING SYSTEM TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE REVENUE IN FUTURE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

WHEREAS, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce recognizes that a vibrant and adequately funded public and higher education system is critical to the economy of North Texas and the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, substantial spending reductions and expenditures from savings accounts have already been undertaken by local school districts and higher education institutions; and

WHEREAS, budget proposals in the Texas House and Senate make severe reductions in state funding for public schools and higher education institutions that will require elimination of jobs at all levels, including administration and in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, such reductions will seriously impair the ability of these institutions to deliver a quality education and negatively affect economic activity in North Texas and the state of Texas, and

WHEREAS, a robust economy is dependent upon a well educated workforce.

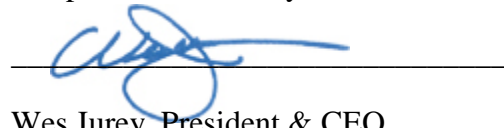
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Arlington Chamber Board of Directors that

Section 1. The Chamber Board urges the 82nd Texas Legislature to use a portion of the available resources in the Economic Stabilization Fund to offset proposed spending reductions to public and higher education institutions proposed in the state budget for the 2011-2013 biennium.

Section 2. The Chamber Board urges the 82nd Texas Legislature to provide a revenue system that adequately funds public and higher education and provides for the growth in those institutions that will occur in Texas over the next decade.

Section 3. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to members of the Texas Legislature and Governor and to the members of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

Adopted this 30 day of March, 2011.



Wes Jurey, President & CEO



Earl Harcrow, Chairman