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H.C.R. No. 120

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Representatives of The University of Texas Permian
2 Basin are gathering at the State Capitol on May 3, 2023, providing a
3 fitting opportunity to recognize the institution for its 50 years
4 of service; and

5 WHEREAS, Established as a branch campus of The University of
6 Texas System in 1973, UTPB was initially an upper-level institution
7 that only accepted junior, senior, and graduate students; its first
8 freshman class, known as the "Pioneer Freshmen," entered the school
9 in 1991; over the years, the university has expanded to include five
10 academic colleges that together offer more than 75 undergraduate
11 and graduate degrees; to date, there have been over 28,800 UTPB
12 graduates; and

13 WHEREAS, UTPB has played an instrumental role in the growth
14 and vitality of the Permian Basin region; the university serves as a
15 major source of skilled workers for the area's oil and gas industry,
16 and its liberal arts programs have contributed to the unique
17 culture of local communities; in addition, the university has
18 helped the region tackle critical issues related to the energy
19 industry, education, the environment, and public health; and

20 WHEREAS, To meet the diverse educational needs of its
21 students, UTPB has opened a wide variety of facilities, including
22 its engineering complex in Midland, the Wagner Noël Performing Arts
23 Center, and the D. Kirk Edwards Family Human Performance Center;
24 the university has also worked to increase access to higher

1 education by partnering with school districts and establishing the
2 Falcon Free program, which covers the cost of tuition and fees for
3 students in need; and

4 WHEREAS, Since its founding 50 years ago, The University of
5 Texas Permian Basin has provided many Texans with a strong
6 foundation for achievement, and it is a pleasure to join in
7 recognizing the institution on this milestone occasion; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
10 hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of The University of Texas
11 Permian Basin on the occasion of UTPB Day at the State Capitol on
12 May 3, 2023, and extend to all those associated with the institution
13 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the university as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.