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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives and alumni from St. Edward's
2 University in Austin are gathering at the State Capitol on
3 February 9, 2023, to commemorate St. Edward's University Day; and

4 WHEREAS, St. Edward's University is a private, higher
5 education institution founded in the Catholic and Holy Cross
6 tradition, and it currently serves approximately 3,600 students in
7 over 60 undergraduate and graduate degree programs; committed to
8 providing a highly personalized academic environment in which
9 students can deepen their knowledge with experiential learning, the
10 university has thrived as a diverse and highly collaborative
11 community and has excelled at producing well-rounded scholars as
12 well as exceptional leaders, innovators, and justice-minded
13 thinkers who use their talents to help shape the world for the
14 better; for 20 consecutive years, St. Edward's has been recognized
15 as one of "America's Best Colleges" by *U.S. News & World Report*,
16 which has additionally listed it among the 10 Best Regional
17 Universities in the West for four years in a row; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2021, St. Edward's named its first Hispanic
19 president, Dr. Montserrat Fuentes, to lead the institution; under
20 Dr. Fuentes's leadership, St. Edward's is advancing a bold and
21 visionary strategic plan focused on expanding academic programs to
22 meet local and statewide workforce needs, connecting graduates with
23 careers, investing in ways to give back to the community, and
24 promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion; as a Hispanic-Serving

1 Institution, St. Edward's takes pride in a student body that is
2 more than 50 percent Hispanic, and over a quarter of its students
3 are the first in their families to attend college; at 50 years of
4 service, its College Assistance Migrant Program has earned the
5 distinction of being the longest continuously running CAMP program
6 in the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, St. Edward's graduates have
8 embodied the university's mission by courageously taking risks and
9 confronting the critical issues facing our great state to bring
10 about positive change, and it is a privilege to honor this
11 outstanding institution; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 9, 2023, as St. Edward's
14 University Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those
15 associated with the university sincere best wishes for continued
16 success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for St. Edward's as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.