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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Longhorns and Aggies are uniting at the State  
2 Capitol on February 15, 2023, to celebrate The University of Texas  
3 at Austin and Texas A&M University with Orange and Maroon  
4 Legislative Day, a day when the state's two largest universities  
5 work together to promote higher education in the State of Texas; and

6           WHEREAS, Alumni from the two institutions total more than  
7 1.15 million, and The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M  
8 University had a combined annual enrollment of more than 127,000  
9 students in the fall of 2022, with more than 33,000 students  
10 receiving degrees that year; the schools boast superb museums and  
11 libraries, including the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and  
12 Museum and the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library and Museum,  
13 and both universities are renowned for their exceptional research,  
14 with combined annual research expenditures of over \$1.93 billion;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, The teaching and research missions of The University  
17 of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University benefit the State of  
18 Texas through the cultivation of informed and engaged citizens, and  
19 they drive economic prosperity through technological innovation,  
20 entrepreneurial spirit, improved health care, and scientific  
21 breakthroughs, including the development of a new clot-busting  
22 medication at The University of Texas at Austin that can reduce the  
23 risk of brain bleeding in stroke patients by half, as well as the  
24 discovery of new biological technologies at Texas A&M University to

1 fight complex pathogens that infect Texas crops and cost the U.S.  
2 agriculture industry billions of dollars each year; moreover, these  
3 missions contribute to advancements in national defense; and

4 WHEREAS, Researchers from The University of Texas at Austin  
5 and Texas A&M University explore, discover, and innovate in the  
6 sciences, arts, and humanities and have been granted numerous  
7 patents; as Tier One research institutions, both universities  
8 provide students valuable opportunities for applied learning with  
9 guidance from outstanding faculty across the disciplines, and as  
10 Hispanic-Serving Institutions, the two universities broaden access  
11 to higher education for historically underserved populations; and

12 WHEREAS, Both universities serve as important cultural  
13 centers, engaging Texans in the visual and performing arts and  
14 other creative endeavors, and they promote athletics and physical  
15 education, inspiring Texans to stay active and bringing them  
16 together in support of student-athletes; and

17 WHEREAS, The combined faculties feature 5 Nobel laureates and  
18 more than 100 National Academy members, and those attending the  
19 schools include National Merit scholars, Rhodes scholars, Olympic  
20 gold medalists, military service veterans, and many of the Lone  
21 Star State's most outstanding students; in addition, the two  
22 universities offer an amazing range of postgraduate opportunities  
23 with more than 500 graduate degree programs; and

24 WHEREAS, Both universities have proven records of support for  
25 our nation's military, commissioning tens of thousands of uniformed  
26 officers throughout their storied histories, and for our nation's  
27 veterans, enrolling hundreds of veterans each semester,

1 establishing their commitment to providing new opportunities to our  
2 nation's bravest in supportive, military-friendly environments;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M  
5 University have positioned themselves as preeminent institutions  
6 of higher education on the state, national, and international  
7 levels, and Texans are fortunate to have access to these two  
8 exceptional state university systems; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 15, 2023, as Orange and  
11 Maroon Legislative Day and commend alumni from The University of  
12 Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University for their commitment to  
13 supporting higher education in the Lone Star State.