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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Students and alumni of Texas A&M University are
2 taking part in one of the university's most cherished traditions,
3 Aggie Muster, on April 21, 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, Muster traces its origins to San Jacinto Day, which
5 commemorates the defeat of the Mexican Army by the Republic of Texas
6 at the Battle of San Jacinto; the first Muster took place on June
7 26, 1883, when a group of former Texas A&M students gathered
8 together to reminisce about their days in college; and

9 WHEREAS, During the first half of the 20th century, the
10 tradition of Muster evolved to include a memorial for those who were
11 absent; during both World War I and World War II, Aggies met and
12 forged bonds at army posts across the United States and in the
13 trenches in Europe; during the most famous Aggie Muster that took
14 place on the small island of Corregidor in the Philippines in 1942,
15 Major General George Moore led a group of recently commissioned
16 Aggies in holding a yell practice, singing the War Hymn, and
17 honoring the memory of Aggies who had died; and

18 WHEREAS, The first campus Muster was organized in 1924, and
19 it has since grow into an all-day affair that includes a ceremonial
20 barbeque with members of the 50-year reunion class and a special
21 memorial service at Reed Arena; at every Muster, a speaker
22 addresses the crowd present before the "Roll Call for the Absent,"
23 during which the names of those from that area who have died in the
24 past year are read; as each name is called, a family member or

1 friend responds with "Here" to express that the deceased individual
2 is present in spirit, and a candle is subsequently lit in his or her
3 memory; and

4 WHEREAS, Muster is a time of both solemnity and celebration
5 for members of the worldwide Aggie community, who unite with one
6 another in solidarity and remembrance of those they have lost, and
7 participants in this year's Muster are helping to perpetuate a
8 tradition that is inextricably tied to the history and culture of
9 their alma mater; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commemorate Aggie Muster on April 21, 2023, and
12 extend to all those taking part in this year's Muster sincere best
13 wishes for a meaningful and memorable event.