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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Over the course of a century, Midwestern State
2 University in Wichita Falls has distinguished itself as an
3 outstanding educational resource in North Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Established as Wichita Falls Junior College in 1922,
5 the school was the second municipal junior college in Texas, and it
6 shared its building and faculty with Wichita Falls High School; in
7 1937, the school was renamed Hardin Junior College in honor of
8 Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hardin, and the Hardin Building, a striking
9 Lombard-Romanesque edifice with a bell tower, became the
10 centerpiece of a new 40-acre campus; during World War II, the
11 college began an affiliation with nearby Sheppard Air Force Base
12 that continues to this day; and

13 WHEREAS, After the war, the school added a senior division
14 and became Hardin College; in 1950, the school was renamed
15 Midwestern University, and in 1959, a graduate school was
16 established; by an act of the 56th Texas Legislature, the
17 university dissolved the junior college division and joined the
18 Texas Colleges and Universities System in 1961, and in 1975, its
19 name was changed to Midwestern State University; and

20 WHEREAS, Today, MSU Texas is a dynamic institution of higher
21 learning with 70 buildings on a 255-acre campus, and its diverse
22 population of nearly 5,800 students takes advantage of bachelor's
23 and master's degree programs in the school's six colleges and
24 graduate school; in May 2019, the school dedicated its new,

1 state-of-the-art health sciences facility as Centennial Hall in
2 honor of the 100th anniversary, and in January 2021, the university
3 welcomed its first doctoral students in educational leadership; in
4 September of that same year, MSU Texas became the fifth campus to
5 become part of the Texas Tech University System; and

6 WHEREAS, Since its founding a century ago, Midwestern State
7 University has provided generations of Texans with a strong
8 foundation for achievement, and as the university celebrates its
9 milestone anniversary, its students, faculty, staff, and alumni may
10 take great pride in their rich history while looking forward to an
11 exciting future; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
13 hereby commemorate the centennial of Midwestern State University
14 and extend to all those associated with the school sincere best
15 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the university as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas Senate.