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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Arlington and Texans across the state in celebrating March 22, 2023, as The University of Texas at Arlington Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1895 as Arlington College, the school initially provided instruction to approximately 75 students from the elementary grades through a level roughly equivalent to high school; the school was converted into Carlisle Military Academy in 1902 and was subsequently known as Arlington Training School and then Arlington Military Academy; and

WHEREAS, The institution transitioned in 1917 to become a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, now Texas A&M University, and the college maintained the affiliation after changing its name to North Texas Agricultural College; by 1949, it was considered the largest state-supported junior college in the Southwest, and it was renamed Arlington State College; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, the school established itself as a comprehensive four-year institution, and six years later, it joined The University of Texas System; the state legislature conferred the school with its present-day name, The University of Texas at Arlington, in 1967; and

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WHEREAS, The university today is the second largest in The University of Texas System; its faculty is noted for specialized expertise in national defense, information technologies, aerodynamics, health care informatics, energy-related disciplines, bioengineering, and biotechnologies; in addition, the university awards thousands of degrees each year in critical workforce fields such as engineering and science, education, and social work, and its nursing program has become the largest producer of baccalaureate-prepared registered nurses in Texas; and

WHEREAS, An inclusive and impactful research university, The University of Texas at Arlington was the state's fourth public university to achieve Texas Tier One status in 2021, and it is one of only 21 universities nationwide to be categorized as both a Tier One institution by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education and as a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, For more than 125 years, The University of Texas at Arlington has provided its students with a strong foundation for achievement and has played a key role in fostering economic development and enhancing the quality of life in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby recognize March 22, 2023, as The University of Texas at Arlington Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best wishes for a rewarding and memorable gathering; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.