

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize The University of Texas at El Paso and to proclaim April of 2004 as "UTEP Heritage Month" in honor of the school's 90th anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 13, 1914, the citizens of El Paso committed the funds to provide The University of Texas System Board of Regents with the site for a state school of mines; and

**WHEREAS**, The university was established by the Texas Legislature in 1914 as the Texas State School of Mines and Metallurgy; today, this institution is the second-oldest academic component in The University of Texas System; and

**WHEREAS**, The current campus, with its unique Bhutanese-styled architecture, consists of 84 buildings; its most notable edifices include the Sun Bowl stadium, the Don Haskins Center, the Larry K. Durham Sports Center, a modern fine arts complex with galleries and recital halls, a state-of-the-art multimedia teaching and learning center, and a museum of natural and cultural history; and

**WHEREAS**, Building on its foundation as the largest research university in the nation with a Mexican-American majority, The University of Texas at El Paso has worked hard to excel on numerous fronts; it has earned a place among the top five research universities in Texas and recognition as a doctoral and research-intensive university in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education; the school's six academic colleges, business administration, education, engineering, health sciences, liberal arts, and science, offer 81 bachelor's degrees, 72 master's degrees, and 11 doctoral degrees; also offered are cooperative programs with The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and The University of Texas at Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, More than 80,000 alumni proudly demonstrate that The University of Texas at El Paso continues to fulfill its commitment to educational excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Texas remains steadfast in its enduring commitment to the continued growth of this outstanding institution; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby join supporters of The University of Texas at El Paso in celebrating its 90th anniversary and its contributions to the City of El Paso, our state, and the nation; and, be it further

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**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the university as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2004.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate