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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is proud to
2 welcome students, faculty, and staff from San Antonio's St. Mary's
3 University to Austin on January 22, 2003, to celebrate St. Mary's
4 University Day at the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1852 by Marianist brothers and priests,
6 St. Mary's University is the oldest university in San Antonio, and
7 the oldest and largest Catholic university in all of the
8 southwestern United States; and

9 WHEREAS, For more than 150 years, St. Mary's University has
10 been a transformational leader, making a difference in enhancing
11 the quality and accessibility of higher education; and

12 WHEREAS, The school, recognized as a Hispanic Serving
13 Institution, is consistently ranked as one of the best universities
14 in the region by *U.S. News & World Report*, *Hispanic Magazine*,
15 *Kaplan/Newsweek College Guide*, and the Templeton Foundation; and

16 WHEREAS, The university is committed to building on its past
17 achievements, preserving the institution as a community of faith,
18 and fostering the Marianist traditions that established this
19 institution in the spirit of academic excellence; and

20 WHEREAS, The staff and students of St. Mary's University are
21 dedicated to the Marianist tradition of community service, and
22 student volunteerism and social compassion are encouraged through
23 the school's Service Learning Center; and

24 WHEREAS, With nationally accredited academic programs, an

1 unparalleled commitment to community service, and a fundamental
2 relationship with South Texas, St. Mary's University creates
3 community leaders and opportunities every day, nurturing
4 generations of new leaders who will give from their lives and
5 talents a high measure of civic engagement, community support, and
6 public service; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize January 22, 2003, as St. Mary's
9 University Day at the State Capitol and commend this esteemed
10 institution for offering a community-oriented and caring learning
11 environment for the education and training of future leaders.