

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Longhorns and Aggies will unite today at the State  
2 Capitol to celebrate Orange and Maroon Legislative Day 2003 and to  
3 promote higher education in the State of Texas; and

4           WHEREAS, Delegates from the Texas Exes and The Association of  
5 Former Students--the two alumni associations for The University of  
6 Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University--have set aside the  
7 longstanding rivalry between these two outstanding institutions in  
8 a symbolic gesture of unity and state pride; and

9           WHEREAS, Alumni from the two schools total some 710,000, and  
10 between them UT and A&M have a combined annual enrollment of more  
11 than 95,000 students, with nearly 21,000 students receiving a  
12 degree each year; the schools boast numerous superb museums and  
13 libraries, including the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum  
14 and the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, and both  
15 universities are renowned for their exceptional research; and

16           WHEREAS, Both UT and A&M help prepare Texas youth for higher  
17 education through the universities' six outreach centers located  
18 throughout the state, and more than 90 percent of the centers'  
19 participants have successfully pursued higher education; and

20           WHEREAS, The universities' faculties feature Nobel laureates  
21 and nationally recognized scholars, and the student bodies include  
22 national merit scholars, gold-medal winning Olympians, and many of  
23 the Lone Star State's most promising young people; in addition, the  
24 schools offer an amazing range of postgraduate opportunities

1 through the nearly 300 graduate degree programs that are available;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Both The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M  
4 University have established themselves as preeminent institutions  
5 of higher education on the state, national, and international  
6 levels, and Texans are fortunate to have access to these two  
7 exceptional state university systems; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 11, 2003, as Orange and  
10 Maroon Legislative Day and commend alumni from UT and A&M for their  
11 commitment to promoting higher education in the Lone Star State.

Brown of Brazos

H.R. No. 176

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 176 was adopted by the House on February 11, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House