

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

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

WHEREAS, Founded in 1852, St. Mary's University has provided its students with outstanding higher education for over 150 years, making it the oldest university in San Antonio; the school also holds the notable distinction of being the oldest and largest Catholic university in all of the southwestern United States; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's University embraces the tradition of Marianist schooling, emphasizing community and values; the notion of universal service is stressed in Marianist teaching, and a caring learning environment has aided in the long-standing success of the university; and

WHEREAS, An academic institution of high repute, St. Mary's University has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the best schools in the western United States for seven consecutive years, selected by *Hispanic Magazine* as one of the top 25 universities for Hispanics in 2001, and rated by *Hispanic Business* as seventh business school in the nation in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Maintaining high standards for both students and professors, the university's esteemed faculty includes 10 Fulbright Scholars and 11 recipients of the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation award for dedication to the teaching profession and outstanding academic, scientific, and scholarly achievement; and

WHEREAS, Higher education plays a vital role in the progress of our youth, our state, and our nation; St. Mary's University has been a valuable asset to Texas for a century and a half, as it helps to develop students who are both knowledgeable and committed to helping those in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby recognize January 22, 2003, as St. Mary's University Day at the State Capitol in honor of this venerable institution and its notable contributions to the State of Texas.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 21, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate