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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Founded in 1923, Texas Tech University has a rich
2 heritage, and among its most cherished traditions are the Texas
3 Tech Seal and the Double T symbol; and

4 WHEREAS, Designed by the campus master planner, William Ward
5 Watkin, in 1924, the Texas Tech Seal depicts a lamp, which
6 represents school, a key for home, a book for church, and a star for
7 the state; cotton bolls denote that industry's importance to the
8 region, and the eagle represents this nation; and

9 WHEREAS, The emblem first appeared on Tech diplomas in 1948,
10 and it was approved as the official seal of the university in 1953;
11 nearly two decades later, in 1972, a red granite, 12-foot-high seal
12 was placed at the Broadway and University entrance to the campus in
13 what is now known as the Amon G. Carter Plaza; and

14 WHEREAS, Like the Texas Tech Seal, the Double T has long been
15 associated with the Lubbock institution and is its most readily
16 identifiable symbol; historical evidence suggests that the
17 school's first football coaches, E. Y. Freeland and Grady
18 Higginbotham, originated this campus trademark, first using it on
19 lettermen sweaters; and

20 WHEREAS, The future of countless young people has been shaped
21 by the education they received at Texas Tech University, and the
22 pride they retain in their alma mater remains linked to the seal and
23 Double T, which figured so prominently in their lives during their
24 years as Red Raiders; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
2 hereby honor the vibrant history of Texas Tech University as
3 symbolized by the Texas Tech Seal, in its current form, and the
4 Double T and encourage the continued use and dissemination of these
5 treasured icons by all university organizations so that future
6 generations may know and perpetuate these meaningful emblems of
7 school spirit and tradition.