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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Aggies and Longhorns will unite today at the State  
2 Capitol to celebrate Orange and Maroon Legislative Day 2005 and to  
3 promote higher education in the State of Texas; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Alumni from the two schools total 647,000 and A&M  
10 and UT have a combined annual enrollment of more than 95,000  
11 students, with nearly 21,000 students receiving degrees each year;  
12 the schools boast superb museums and libraries, including the  
13 George Bush Presidential Library and the Lyndon Baines Johnson  
14 Library and Museum, and both universities are renowned for their  
15 exceptional research; and

16 WHEREAS, Both A&M and UT 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' faculty features Nobel laureates  
21 and nationally recognized scholars, and the student body includes  
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 with

1 nearly 300 graduate degree programs; and

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

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 1, 2005, as Orange and Maroon  
9 Legislative Day and commend alumni from A&M and UT for their  
10 commitment to promoting higher education in the Lone Star State.