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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Members of Prairie View A&M University National 2

Alumni Association are gathering in Houston on July 11-15, 2007,

for their national convention; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1876, Prairie View A&M University is 4

the state's second oldest public institution of higher education;

once designated a "normal school" to prepare and train African

American teachers, it was authorized as a branch of the

Agricultural Experiment Station in 1887 and as a land grant college 8

in 1890, beginning an important tradition of agricultural research

and community service; and 10

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Dr. George C. Wright, PVAMU 11

today offers 50 undergraduate majors, 35 master's degrees, and four

doctoral degree programs and is home to an increasingly diverse

student body more than 8,000 strong; in addition, there are nearly

100 active campus groups, as well as a successful athletics 15

department; and 16

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PVAMU continues to build on its legacy as a 17 WHEREAS,

preeminent educator of engineers, nurses, and educators thanks in

part to the support of its devoted alumni, who stay connected to 19

their alma mater through some 35 chapters across the country; and

21 WHEREAS, Alumni of Prairie View A&M University may take

22 justifiable pride in their alma mater, just as current and future

students may look to the graduates of PVAMU as outstanding models of 23

24 achievement; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 2 Legislature hereby commend Prairie View A&M University for its 3 vital contributions to the Lone Star State and extend to members of 4 the Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association sincere best wishes for a productive and enjoyable convention; and, be it 5 6 further RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 7 prepared for the Prairie View A&M University National Alumni 8

Association as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1501 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House