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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Distinguished representatives of the Texas Tech
2 University System are gathering at the State Capitol on February
3 17, 2009, to celebrate the system's vital role in the Lone Star
4 State; and

5 WHEREAS, The TTU System, governed by a nine-member board of
6 regents and chancellor Kent Hance, consists of Texas Tech
7 University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and
8 Angelo State University; the system currently enrolls more than
9 37,000 students, employs some 18,000 faculty and staff members, and
10 counts over 240,000 alumni; and

11 WHEREAS, Looking to the future, the system has developed five
12 strategic priorities, including improving access to education and
13 promoting learning, strengthening the academic excellence of
14 member institutions, expanding knowledge through research, serving
15 its communities, and effectively managing its resources; and

16 WHEREAS, Each component of the system provides unique
17 educational opportunities; Texas Tech University is a major
18 comprehensive research university, led by Dr. Guy Bailey; enrolling
19 more than 28,000 students in 12 colleges and schools, TTU offers
20 more than 150 undergraduate programs, 100 master's programs, and 60
21 doctoral programs, and it is among a select group of institutions to
22 shelter a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa; and

23 WHEREAS, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is
24 composed of the TTUHSC School of Medicine, the School of Allied

1 Health Sciences, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, the
2 Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing, the School of Pharmacy, and
3 the new Paul L. Foster School of Medicine in El Paso, which will
4 seat its first class in July 2009; overseen by Dr. John C. Baldwin,
5 TTUHSC enrolls nearly 3,000 students and boasts more than 11,000
6 alumni; and

7 WHEREAS, Founded in 1928, Angelo State University enrolls
8 more than 6,000 students in six colleges and is directed by Dr.
9 Joseph C. Rallo; ASU was the first university in the state to offer
10 a degree in computer science and today is home to one of two State of
11 Texas Data Centers; in addition, the institution's physics
12 department has been designated by *Physics Today* as one of the top
13 undergraduate programs in the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, The Texas Tech University System has provided
15 countless students with an outstanding education and a strong
16 foundation for the future, and in so doing, it has contributed to
17 the remarkable achievements of the state as a whole; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
20 hereby recognize February 17, 2009, as Texas Tech University System
21 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to all those from
22 the TTU System who are visiting here today.