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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Student Government and Alumni  
2 Associations of Stephen F. Austin State University are visiting the  
3 State Capitol on February 18, 2009, and this occasion provides a  
4 fitting opportunity to welcome them and to commemorate the 85th  
5 anniversary of this notable institution; and

6           WHEREAS, Stephen F. Austin State University was established  
7 in 1923; that year, classes began on September 18, which also  
8 happened to mark the birthday of the university's first president,  
9 Dr. Alton W. Birdwell, and since then, more than 100,000 students  
10 have graduated from SFA; with six colleges that offer more than 80  
11 undergraduate majors in 120 areas of study, the institution  
12 features the breadth of a state university education while giving  
13 students the personal attention of a private school; in addition,  
14 the graduate programs at SFA include nearly 60 master's and two  
15 doctoral degrees; and

16           WHEREAS, The Student Government Association at SFA enhances  
17 life on campus for about 12,000 students; as the voice of the  
18 student body, the organization hears its concerns and makes  
19 suggestions to university administrators; through its executive,  
20 judicial, and legislative branches, SGA passes legislation and  
21 works to ensure that the students' views are reflected in  
22 university policies; the group also sponsors campus-wide events,  
23 and it is a vital platform for the development of future political  
24 leaders; and

1           WHEREAS, The SFA Alumni Association is another organization  
2 that contributes to the university community; active in more than  
3 20 chapters across the country, the alumni association is composed  
4 of former students and friends of the university; with special  
5 programs, scholarships, and activities, members of the group  
6 demonstrate their continued support and loyalty for their alma  
7 mater; and

8           WHEREAS, Throughout its rich history, Stephen F. Austin State  
9 University has provided its students with an outstanding education  
10 and a solid foundation for achievement and in so doing, it has  
11 contributed to the prosperity of the Lone Star State; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
14 Legislature hereby recognize February 18, 2009, as Stephen F.  
15 Austin State University Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm  
16 welcome to all those from the university who are visiting here  
17 today; and, be it further

18           RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
19 for the Student Government Association and the Alumni Association  
20 as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of  
21 Representatives.