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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 18 and 19, 2009, members of the
2 Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Nacogdoches, and the
3 Stephen F. Austin State University Student Government Association
4 and Alumni Association are visiting Austin to celebrate
5 Nacogdoches-SFASU Days at the State Capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, Nacogdoches is one of the oldest communities in the
7 state, the site of a Caddo Indian settlement and a Spanish mission
8 established in 1716; the city became an important gateway for trade
9 with the French and later the Americans, and its lengthy list of
10 Texas milestones includes the first newspaper, oil well, and
11 two-story building, as well as the state's inaugural district court
12 session; the nine flags flown over the city include those of three
13 short-lived early republics; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, the vintage charm of Nacogdoches brings
15 myriad tourists, who explore such attractions as the Old Stone
16 Fort, the Victorian homes along Mound Street, the 19th-century
17 buildings of Millard's Crossing, and the quaint antique shops and
18 restaurants along brick downtown streets; many also come to enjoy
19 recreational activities at Lake Nacogdoches and Sam Rayburn
20 Reservoir, known for their bass fishing; in addition to tourism,
21 primary industries include agricultural services, manufacturing,
22 and oil and gas; and

23 WHEREAS, Education has been an important part of the area's
24 economy since Stephen F. Austin State University opened its doors

1 to 158 students on September 18, 1923; its alumni association was
2 organized just five years later and has worked diligently through
3 the years to support the school, which now has an enrollment of
4 about 12,000 students; SFA boasts an exceptionally scenic campus
5 and also operates a beef and poultry farm, a dairy farm, an
6 experimental forest, and a forestry field station; its observatory
7 is the second largest not only in Texas but also in the Central Time
8 Zone; and

9 WHEREAS, Beautifully situated in the Piney Woods of Deep East
10 Texas, Nacogdoches has attracted countless older Texans; it was one
11 of the first three communities in Texas recognized as a certified
12 retirement community by a state program that evaluates such factors
13 as cultural and sporting events, health care, safety, and
14 continuing education opportunities; and

15 WHEREAS, The combination of numerous amenities and a
16 neighborly atmosphere makes Nacogdoches a splendid place indeed to
17 live, work, and study, and it is a pleasure to welcome those
18 representing the many facets of this vibrant part of the Lone Star
19 State; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize February 18 and 19, 2009, as
22 Nacogdoches-SFASU Days at the State Capitol and extend to the
23 visiting delegation best wishes for a memorable stay in Austin;
24 and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
26 for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
27 Representatives.