

By: Rodriguez

H.R. No. 975

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Representatives from St. Edward's University are  
2 gathering at the State Capitol on April 8, 2009; and

3           WHEREAS, Founded in 1885 by the Congregation of Holy Cross,  
4 St. Edward's University is a Catholic liberal arts institution  
5 committed to serving students of diverse cultural, religious,  
6 educational, and economic backgrounds; emphasizing critical  
7 thinking, social justice, and ethical practice, St. Edward's  
8 provides an experiential, service-oriented, and academically  
9 rigorous environment in which students are encouraged to explore  
10 their own social, spiritual, and global paths; and

11           WHEREAS, This private university is ably guided by Dr. George  
12 E. Martin; since he became its 23rd president in 1999, Dr. Martin  
13 has helped increase undergraduate enrollment by 60 percent, and yet  
14 he has also ensured that the institution maintains a low  
15 student-to-faculty ratio; under Dr. Martin's skilled leadership,  
16 St. Edward's has been recognized as one of the best colleges in  
17 America by *U.S. News & World Report* for six consecutive years, and  
18 it has continued offering such vital programs as CAMP, the College  
19 Assistance Migrant Program that has given migrant students access  
20 to higher education for nearly four decades; and

21           WHEREAS, St. Edward's is committed to helping its students  
22 realize their full potential, and its efforts are preparing many  
23 young Texans for the challenges and opportunities of the future;  
24 now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
2 Legislature hereby recognize April 8, 2009, as St. Edward's  
3 University Day at the State Capitol and extend to those associated  
4 with this notable institution sincere best wishes for continued  
5 success; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for St. Edward's University as an expression of high  
8 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.