## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Alumni of Texas A\&I University are visiting the State Capitol on April 8, 2009, to gain further insight into the workings of state government as they pay tribute to their cherished alma mater; and

WHEREAS, The oldest public institution of higher learning in the region dates back to 1917, when it was chartered as South Texas State Teachers College, and it officially opened its doors in 1925; it was renamed Texas College of Arts and Industries four years later, and it became known as Texas A\&I University in 1967; with its rich traditions, the university has built on its outstanding reputation by expanding its mission and offering a wide array of academic programs to meet the needs of a growing and diverse student population; and

WHEREAS, Although the graduates of Texas A\&I University have gone on to make their mark on the world in a broad range of disciplines, these accomplished men and women remain united in their loyalty to the university that had such a deep and abiding influence in shaping their lives, and they reflect on the years they spent as "The Hoggies" with the utmost affection; and

WHEREAS, In providing generations of students with high quality educational experiences, Texas A\&I University has earned the admiration of many citizens from the Lone Star State and beyond, and its alumni may indeed take justifiable pride in their notable alma mater; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby welcome the graduates of Texas A\&I University to the State Capitol and extend to them sincere best wishes for a memorable stay in Austin; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the alumni of Texas A\&I University as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

