

By: Branch

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas State University System, the oldest and
2 third-largest system of higher education in Texas, is celebrating
3 its centennial in 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Created by the Texas Legislature in 1911, the system
5 originally brought together Sam Houston Normal Institute, in
6 Huntsville; North Texas State Normal College, in Denton; Southwest
7 Texas State Normal School, in San Marcos; and West Texas State
8 Normal College, in Canyon; oversight of the system was vested in a
9 group known as the State Normal School Board of Regents; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the years, the system has evolved dramatically;
11 component institutions were renamed state teachers colleges in
12 1923, and they subsequently composed what was known as the State
13 Senior College System; renamed the Texas State University System in
14 1975, the network now encompasses eight institutions: Sam Houston
15 State University, Texas State University--San Marcos, Sul Ross
16 State University, Sul Ross State University--Rio Grande College,
17 Lamar University, Lamar Institute of Technology, Lamar State
18 College--Orange, and Lamar State College--Port Arthur; and

19 WHEREAS, Each of the institutions in the Texas State
20 University System carries the name of, or is closely associated
21 with, a Texas hero--Sam Houston, statesman, commander of the Texas
22 Army, first and third president of the Republic of Texas, and
23 governor of Texas; Mirabeau Lamar, widely recognized as the Father
24 of Texas Education and the second president of the Republic of

1 Texas; Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Civil War veteran, general,
2 governor, and president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College
3 of Texas; and Lyndon Baines Johnson, 1930 graduate of Southwest
4 Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos and 36th president of the
5 United States of America; and

6 WHEREAS, Today, every school in the system is facing an
7 increased demand for its services, with overall enrollment growing
8 at a faster rate than the state's population; the number of students
9 registered collectively in system institutions rose by 4.8 percent
10 between the fall semesters of 2009 and 2010, reaching nearly
11 76,000; to accommodate those students, the system and its component
12 institutions employ over 15,000 faculty and staff; and

13 WHEREAS, Campuses of the Texas State University System are
14 located across the state, and each boasts a distinctive character
15 and its own unique strengths; together, the schools' myriad
16 offerings range from industrial certification to doctoral degrees,
17 and a number of their programs have achieved national prominence;
18 some of the schools are extensively engaged in research, and all put
19 a premium on quality teaching; and

20 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Texas State University
21 System has enriched the lives of countless students, contributed to
22 the advancement of human knowledge, and proved a powerful force for
23 social progress and economic development in the Lone Star State;
24 now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
26 hereby commemorate the centennial of the founding of the Texas
27 State University System and honor all those associated with its

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1 member institutions for their commitment to academic excellence and
2 public service; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for the Texas State University System as an expression of
5 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.