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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On February 16 and 17, 2011, members of the  
2 Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Nacogdoches,  
3 and Stephen F. Austin State University and its Student Government  
4 and Alumni Associations are visiting Austin to celebrate  
5 Nacogdoches-SFA Days at the State Capitol; and

6           WHEREAS, Nacogdoches is one of the oldest communities in the  
7 state, the site of a Caddo Native American settlement and a Spanish  
8 mission established in 1716; the city became an important gateway  
9 for trade with the French and later the Americans, and its lengthy  
10 list of Texas milestones includes the first newspaper, oil well,  
11 and two-story building, as well as the state's inaugural district  
12 court session; the nine flags flown over the city include those of  
13 three 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 Nacogdoches Lake and Sam Rayburn  
20 Reservoir, known for their bass fishing; in addition to education  
21 and tourism, primary industries include agricultural services,  
22 manufacturing, 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 nearly 13,000 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 Texas Forest Country,  
10 Nacogdoches is attracting active retired Texans; it was one of the  
11 first three communities in Texas recognized as a Go Texan certified  
12 retirement community because of its cultural and sporting events,  
13 health care, safety, and continuing education opportunities; and

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

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
20 Legislature hereby recognize February 16 and 17, 2011, as  
21 Nacogdoches-SFA Days at the State Capitol and extend to the  
22 visiting delegation best wishes for a memorable stay in Austin;  
23 and, be it further

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