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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A distinguished group from St. Mary's University is
2 gathering at the State Capitol on February 14, 2011, to celebrate
3 the school and its important contributions to the Lone Star State;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The oldest university in San Antonio and the oldest
6 Catholic university in Texas, St. Mary's was established by
7 Marianist brothers and priests in 1852; its 135-acre campus
8 northwest of downtown is home to a diverse student body with a
9 current enrollment of approximately 4,000; a 13 to 1
10 student-to-faculty ratio fosters a close-knit and supportive
11 academic community; and

12 WHEREAS, This notable liberal arts institution has built a
13 national reputation for the quality of its programs and for
14 fostering a spirit of civic engagement; St. Mary's University is
15 the alma mater of more than 300 elected officials, who have served
16 both our state and our nation with distinction; moreover, more than
17 70 percent of the university's students participate in community
18 service activities; and

19 WHEREAS, The Carnegie Foundation granted St. Mary's
20 University its prestigious Community Engagement Classification in
21 recognition of the school's mission-driven focus on academic rigor,
22 community service, and civic participation; *Washington Monthly*
23 magazine rated St. Mary's first in the nation for promoting an ethic
24 of service to country, fostering scientific and humanistic

1 research, and performing as an engine of social mobility; moreover,
2 the John Templeton Foundation lists it as a College that Builds
3 Character, and the *Princeton Review* and *Campus Compact* named it one
4 of the nation's top Colleges with a Conscience; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to its outstanding academic programs,
6 the school takes pride in its athletic record; it has won five
7 national titles in basketball, baseball, softball, and golf and is
8 home to 167 All-American Scholar athletes; and

9 WHEREAS, Skillfully guided since 2000 by president Dr.
10 Charles Cotrell, St. Mary's University continues to build on its
11 rich tradition of academic excellence while encouraging leadership
12 and service to the greater community; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor St. Mary's University for its exceptional
15 contributions to higher education and extend to the visiting
16 delegation best wishes for a memorable day at the State Capitol.