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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the university's student government
2 association, faculty, and staff are gathering in Austin on February
3 16, 2011, to celebrate Stephen F. Austin State University Day at the
4 State Capitol and to commemorate the 87th anniversary of this
5 historic institution of higher learning; and

6 WHEREAS, Stephen F. Austin State University was established
7 as a teacher's college in 1923 and, although it has greatly expanded
8 its educational scope in the decades since, it continues to
9 graduate exceptionally well-prepared classroom teachers, coaches,
10 and administrators; it is also home to the Arthur Temple College of
11 Forestry and Agriculture and the Richard and Lucille DeWitt School
12 of Nursing; and

13 WHEREAS, The university's enrollment is at an all-time high
14 for the 2010-2011 academic year, and the student population
15 reflects the general diversity of the Lone Star State;
16 additionally, about half of all recent graduates are from the first
17 generation in their families to attend college; and

18 WHEREAS, The university continues to serve the population of
19 East Texas, while also drawing large numbers of students from both
20 the greater Houston metropolitan area and the Dallas-Fort Worth
21 Metroplex; moreover, the campus is a center for cultural,
22 educational, and recreational activities for the residents of the
23 Nacogdoches area, with the 136-acre Stephen F. Austin State
24 University Gardens being one of the highlights enjoyed by visitors;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, For nearly nine decades, members of the Stephen F.
3 Austin State University community have been making important
4 contributions to Texas and the world beyond, and it is most fitting
5 that they be honored on this special day; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 16, 2011, as Stephen F.
8 Austin State University Day at the State Capitol and extend to the
9 visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a memorable and
10 meaningful visit to Austin.