

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 263

WHEREAS, Aggies and Longhorns will unite today at the State Capitol to celebrate Orange and Maroon Legislative Day 2011 and to promote higher education in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Alumni from the two universities total more than 741,000, and Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at Austin have a combined annual enrollment of more than 100,000 students, with more than 23,000 students receiving degrees each year; the schools boast superb museums and libraries, including the George Bush Presidential Library and the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, and both universities are renowned for their exceptional research; and

WHEREAS, Among the members of the Texas Senate are four alumni of Texas A&M University and six alumni of The University of Texas at Austin, who hold a combined total of 13 degrees from these two outstanding institutions; and

WHEREAS, Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at Austin help prepare Texas youth for higher education through the universities' six outreach centers located throughout the state, and more than 90 percent of the centers' participants have successfully pursued higher education; and

WHEREAS, The universities' faculties feature Nobel laureates and nationally recognized scholars, and the student bodies include national merit scholars, Olympic gold medalists, and many of the Lone Star State's most promising young people; in addition, the universities offer an amazing range of postgraduate opportunities with almost 300 graduate degree programs; and

WHEREAS, Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at Austin have established themselves as preeminent institutions of higher education on the state, national, and international levels, and Texans are fortunate to have access to these two exceptional state universities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize February 15, 2011, as Orange and Maroon Legislative Day and commend alumni from Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at Austin for their commitment to promoting higher education in the Lone Star State; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

Zaffirini, Wentworth

Ellis
Shapiro
Carona

Ogden
Van de Putte
Williams

Eltife
Hegar

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 15, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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