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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Distinguished representatives of the Texas Tech
2 University System are gathering at the State Capitol on February
3 20, 2013, to celebrate the system's vital role in the Lone Star
4 State; and

5 WHEREAS, The TTU System, governed by a nine-member board of
6 regents and chancellor Kent Hance, consists of Texas Tech
7 University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and
8 Angelo State University; the system currently educates more than
9 43,500 students, employs some 17,000 faculty and staff members, and
10 counts nearly 290,000 alumni; according to a 2012 report, the
11 system generated a statewide economic impact of more than \$7
12 billion in 2011; and

13 WHEREAS, Looking to the future, the system has developed five
14 strategic priorities, including improving access to education and
15 promoting learning, strengthening the academic excellence of
16 member institutions, expanding knowledge through research, serving
17 its communities, and effectively managing its resources; and

18 WHEREAS, Each component of the system provides innovative
19 educational opportunities; Texas Tech University is a major
20 comprehensive research university, led by interim president Dr.
21 Lawrence Schovanec; enrolling more than 32,000 students in 11
22 colleges and 2 schools, TTU offers more than 100 undergraduate
23 programs, over 100 master's programs, and nearly 60 doctoral
24 programs, and it is among a select group of institutions to shelter

1 a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa; and

2 WHEREAS, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is
3 composed of the TTUHSC School of Medicine, the School of Allied
4 Health Sciences, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, the
5 School of Nursing, the School of Pharmacy, the Paul L. Foster School
6 of Medicine in El Paso, and the new Gayle Greve Hunt School of
7 Nursing in El Paso, which admitted its first class in the fall of
8 2011; overseen by Dr. Tedd L. Mitchell, TTUHSC enrolls more than
9 4,300 students and boasts more than 16,000 alumni; and

10 WHEREAS, Founded in 1928, Angelo State University enrolls
11 nearly 6,900 students in five colleges and is directed by Dr. Brian
12 J. May; ASU was the first university in the state to offer a degree
13 in computer science, and the institution's physics department has
14 been designated by *Physics Today* as one of the top undergraduate
15 programs in the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, The Texas Tech University System has provided
17 generations of students with an outstanding education and a strong
18 foundation for the future, and in so doing, it has contributed to
19 the remarkable achievements of the state as a whole; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
22 hereby recognize February 20, 2013, as Texas Tech University System
23 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to all those from
24 the TTU System who are visiting here today.