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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 21, 2013, to celebrate Stephen F. Austin State University Day at the
4 State Capitol and to commemorate the 89th 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 September 1923, and although it has
8 greatly expanded its educational scope in the decades since, it
9 continues to graduate exceptionally well-prepared classroom
10 teachers, coaches, and administrators; it is also home to the
11 Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture, the Richard and
12 Lucille DeWitt School of Nursing, the Nelson Rusche College of
13 Business, and the James I. Perkins College of Education; and

14 WHEREAS, The university's enrollment is at an all-time high
15 for the 2012-2013 academic year, and the student population
16 reflects the general diversity of the Lone Star State;
17 additionally, about half of all recent graduates are from the first
18 generation in their families to attend college; and

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

1 University Gardens being one of the highlights enjoyed by visitors;
2 and

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

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 21, 2013, as Stephen F.
9 Austin State University Day at the State Capitol and extend to the
10 visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a memorable and
11 meaningful visit to Austin.