

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 20 and 21, 2013, members of the
2 Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Nacogdoches,
3 and Stephen F. Austin State University and its Student Government
4 and Alumni Associations are visiting Austin to celebrate
5 Nacogdoches-SFA Days at the State Capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, Nacogdoches is the site of a Caddo Native American
7 settlement and a Spanish mission established in 1716; founded by
8 Antonio Gil Y'Barbo, it received designation from Spain as a pueblo
9 in 1779, and today it proudly calls itself the "first town in
10 Texas"; and

11 WHEREAS, The city became an important gateway for trade with
12 the French and later the Americans, and claims among its lengthy
13 list of Texas milestones being home to the first English language
14 newspaper, oil well, and two-story building, as well as the state's
15 inaugural district court session; the nine flags flown over the
16 city include those of three short-lived early republics; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, the vintage charm of Nacogdoches brings
18 myriad tourists, who explore such attractions as the Old Stone
19 Fort, the Victorian homes along Mound Street, the 19th-century
20 buildings of Millard's Crossing, and the quaint antique shops and
21 restaurants along brick downtown streets; many also come to enjoy
22 recreational activities at Lake Nacogdoches, Lake Naconiche, and
23 Sam Rayburn Reservoir, all known for their bass fishing; in
24 addition to tourism, the primary industries of the area include

1 agricultural services, manufacturing, and oil and gas; and

2 WHEREAS, Education has been an important part of the area's
3 economy since Stephen F. Austin State University opened its doors
4 to 158 students on September 18, 1923; its alumni association was
5 organized just five years later and has worked diligently through
6 the years to support the school, which now has an enrollment of
7 approximately 13,000 students; SFA boasts an exceptionally scenic
8 campus and also operates a beef and poultry farm, a dairy farm, an
9 experimental forest, and a forestry field station; its observatory
10 is the second largest not only in Texas but also in the Central Time
11 Zone; and

12 WHEREAS, Beautifully situated in the Texas Forest Country,
13 Nacogdoches is attracting active retired Texans; it was one of the
14 first three communities in Texas recognized as a Go Texan certified
15 retirement community because of its cultural and sporting events,
16 health care, safety, and continuing education opportunities; and

17 WHEREAS, The combination of numerous amenities and a
18 neighborly atmosphere makes Nacogdoches a splendid place to live,
19 work, and study, and it is a pleasure to welcome those representing
20 the many facets of this vibrant part of the Lone Star State; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize February 20 and 21, 2013, as
24 Nacogdoches-SFA Days at the State Capitol and extend to the
25 visiting delegation best wishes for an enjoyable stay in Austin.

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Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
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Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
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Canales	Kacal	Ritter
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Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
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Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
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H.R. No. 108

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 108 was adopted by the House on February 21, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House