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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Aggies and Longhorns are uniting today at the State
2 Capitol to celebrate Orange and Maroon Legislative Day 2013 and to
3 promote higher education in the State of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Alumni from the two schools total more than 800,000,
5 and Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at Austin have
6 a combined annual enrollment of more than 100,000 students, with
7 over 23,000 students receiving degrees each year; the schools boast
8 superb museums and libraries, including the George Bush
9 Presidential Library and Museum and the LBJ Presidential Library,
10 and both universities are renowned for their exceptional research;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The teaching and research missions of Texas A&M
13 University and The University of Texas at Austin benefit the State
14 of Texas and drive economic prosperity through scientific
15 breakthroughs, technological innovation, entrepreneurial spirit,
16 improved health care, and the creation of successive generations of
17 informed and engaged citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, Texas A&M and UT Austin researchers explore,
19 discover, and innovate in the sciences, arts, and humanities and
20 combined have more than 1,100 patents; in the 2012 fiscal year
21 alone, the institutions' research expenditures totaled over \$1.2
22 billion; and

23 WHEREAS, Both universities serve as important cultural
24 centers, engaging Texans in the visual and performing arts and

1 other creative endeavors, and they promote athletics and physical
2 education, inspiring Texans to stay active and bringing them
3 together in support of student-athletes; and

4 WHEREAS, The universities' faculties feature Nobel laureates
5 and nationally recognized scholars, and the student bodies include
6 National Merit scholars, Olympic gold medalists, and many of the
7 Lone Star State's most promising young people; in addition, the
8 schools offer an amazing range of postgraduate opportunities with
9 nearly 470 graduate degree programs; and

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

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize February 5, 2013, as Orange and Maroon
17 Legislative Day and commend alumni from Texas A&M University and
18 The University of Texas at Austin for their commitment to promoting
19 higher education in the Lone Star State.