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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas State University--San Marcos officially
2 adopted its current name in 2003, marking a new era for this highly
3 respected educational institution; and

4 WHEREAS, The university was called Southwest Texas State
5 Normal School when it opened its doors in 1903; the inaugural group
6 of 303 students attended class at the only structure on campus, the
7 red-roofed Old Main building, which Texas State still uses today;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Throughout its 110-year history, the school's name
10 has changed as the scope of its mission has broadened; it was
11 renamed Southwest Texas State Normal College in 1918, after it was
12 approved to begin granting degrees, and by the time the Texas
13 Legislature changed the name to Southwest Texas State University in
14 1969, thousands of students were enrolled in its undergraduate and
15 graduate programs; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, Texas State continues its tradition of
17 academic excellence, offering a diverse student body of more than
18 34,000 a vast array of degree programs; the school takes
19 justifiable pride in the Meadows Center for Water and the
20 Environment, where students can study aquatic ecosystems, and in
21 its nationally recognized geography department, which offers a
22 master's of applied geography, the first of its kind in the country,
23 as well as in its programs in criminal justice, music, and creative
24 writing, among others; and

1 WHEREAS, Committed to providing an exceptional education,
2 Texas State University--San Marcos helps students build a brighter
3 future for themselves and their families, and in so doing, the
4 institution is making an important contribution to the vitality of
5 the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 10th anniversary of the naming
8 of Texas State University--San Marcos and extend to its students,
9 faculty members, and staff sincere best wishes for continued
10 success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the university as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.