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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at El Paso is celebrating
2 the 100th anniversary of its founding in 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, On April 16, 1913, Governor O. B. Colquitt signed
4 Senate Bill No. 183, creating the Texas State School of Mines and
5 Metallurgy, an educational institution to be established by the
6 citizens of El Paso and overseen by the board of regents of The
7 University of Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, the school is the second oldest academic
9 institution in The University of Texas System; renamed several
10 times, it became the College of Mines and Metallurgy in 1920 and
11 Texas Western College in 1949; it has been known as The University
12 of Texas at El Paso since 1967; and

13 WHEREAS, Recognized as a leader in American higher education,
14 UTEP has received numerous accolades for academic distinction; the
15 National Science Foundation has tabbed it as one of six models for
16 excellence, and the Carnegie Foundation has classified it as a
17 Doctoral/Research-Intensive institution; the U.S. Department of
18 Education has identified it as the national research institution
19 with the lowest net price, and *Washington Monthly* has ranked it 12th
20 overall among American universities and number one in fostering
21 social mobility among its graduates; in 2009, the Texas Legislature
22 designated UTEP as one of our state's seven emerging Tier One
23 universities; and

24 WHEREAS, UTEP currently serves nearly 23,000 students

1 through its 70 bachelor's, 75 master's, and 19 doctoral degree
2 programs; this prestigious school ranks third among all U.S.
3 universities in awarding undergraduate degrees to Hispanics and is
4 one of the top 10 in preparing Hispanic students to successfully
5 complete doctoral programs; the school's more than 100,000 alumni
6 are accomplished leaders in fields ranging from science,
7 engineering, health, politics, and business to law, entertainment,
8 the arts, and education; and

9 WHEREAS, UTEP plays a significant role in fostering economic
10 development and enhancing the quality of life of the Paso del Norte
11 region; and

12 WHEREAS, In winning the National Collegiate Athletic
13 Association championship, the 1966 Texas Western College men's
14 basketball team marked a turning point in the history of American
15 higher education that now inspires all UTEP students to achieve
16 individual aspirations, fulfill family dreams, and enrich
17 communities in Texas and across the nation; UTEP remains the only
18 university in the State of Texas to win the national title in men's
19 basketball; and

20 WHEREAS, For a century, The University of Texas at El Paso and
21 its graduates have been making important contributions to Texas and
22 the world beyond, and it is most fitting that they be honored on
23 this momentous occasion; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
25 Legislature hereby congratulate The University of Texas at El Paso
26 on its 100th anniversary and extend to the university's
27 administration, faculty, staff, students, and alumni sincere best

1 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for The University of Texas at El Paso as an expression of
4 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.