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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, LeTourneau University continues to excel at its 2 mission of providing strong academics in a faith-centered 3 environment; and

WHEREAS, Founded in Longview in 1946 by earthmoving equipment 4 5 entrepreneur R. G. LeTourneau, the university was originally created to serve returning World War II veterans; it became a 6 coeducational college in 1961 and introduced its first graduate 7 programs in 1989; today the school offers programs in a number of 8 9 fields, including engineering, aerospace science, business, education, ministry, and Biblical studies; the university also 10 11 provides students with the option of evening, weekend, and online classes, with learning centers located in Dallas, Tyler, Bedford, 12 Houston, and Austin; and 13

WHEREAS, LeTourneau University has a total enrollment of more than 2,800 students at all campuses, with about 1,350 traditional undergraduates studying at its main campus in Longview; highly ranked by such publications as *U.S. News and World Report*, the university is a member of the American Southwest Conference and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; and

21 WHEREAS, The school's Center for Faith and Work provides 22 students with the opportunity to participate in workshops, service 23 learning initiatives, activities at local businesses, and 24 mentoring programs, with the ultimate goal of bridging the gap

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- 1 between worship and work; and
- WHEREAS, LeTourneau University has enriched the lives of many
- 3 students for more than six decades, and it continues to develop new
- 4 leadership for the Lone Star State and beyond; now, therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
- 6 Legislature hereby honor LeTourneau University for its commitment
- 7 to preparing students for service in the world through the
- 8 integration of academic study and spiritual growth and extend to
- 9 all those associated with the university sincere best wishes for
- 10 the future; 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.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2212 was adopted by the House on May 22, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House