

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112**

**WHEREAS**, Aggies and Longhorns will unite today at the State Capitol to celebrate Orange and Maroon Legislative Day 2013 and to promote higher education in the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Alumni from the two universities total more than 800,000, and Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at Austin have a combined annual enrollment of more than 100,000 students, with more than 23,000 students receiving degrees each year; the schools boast superb museums and libraries, including the George Bush Presidential Library and the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, and both universities are renowned for their exceptional research; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Researchers at Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at Austin explore, discover, and innovate in the sciences, arts, and humanities; together they have more than 1,100 patents, and total research expenditures in fiscal year 2012 amounted to more than \$1.2 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, Both universities serve as centers for the arts and culture, inspiring Texans to take part in the visual and performing arts and other creative endeavors; both institutions also serve as flagships for athletics and physical education, encouraging Texans to participate in physical activity and to support the student-athletes that represent the state in competition across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, The universities' faculties feature Nobel laureates and nationally recognized scholars, and the student bodies include national merit scholars, Olympic gold medalists, and many of the Lone Star State's most promising young people; in addition, the universities offer an amazing range of postgraduate opportunities with nearly 470 graduate degree programs; and

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby recognize February 5, 2013, as Orange and Maroon Legislative Day and commend alumni from Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at Austin for their commitment to promoting higher education in the Lone Star State; and, be it further

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**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

Zaffirini, Campbell,  
Carona, Eltife,  
Hegar, Schwertner,  
Van de Putte, Watson,  
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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 5, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate