

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 221

**WHEREAS**, Distinguished representatives of the Texas Tech University System are gathering at the State Capitol on February 20, 2013, to celebrate the system's vital role in the Lone Star State; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Tech University System, governed by a nine-member board of regents and chancellor Kent Hance, consists of Texas Tech University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and Angelo State University; the system currently educates more than 43,500 students, employs some 17,000 faculty and staff members, and counts nearly 290,000 alumni; according to a 2012 report, the system generated a statewide economic impact of more than \$7 billion in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Looking to the future, the system has developed five strategic priorities, including improving access to education and promoting learning, strengthening the academic excellence of member institutions, expanding knowledge through research, serving its communities, and effectively managing its resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Each component of the system provides innovative educational opportunities; Texas Tech University is a major comprehensive research university, led by interim president Dr. Lawrence Schovanec; enrolling more than 32,000 students in 11 colleges and two schools, Texas Tech University offers more than 100 undergraduate programs, over 100 master's programs, and nearly 60 doctoral programs, and it is among a select group of institutions to shelter a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is composed of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, the School of Allied Health Sciences, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, the School of Nursing, the School of Pharmacy, the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine in El Paso, and the new Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing in El Paso, which admitted its first class in the fall of 2011; overseen by Dr. Tedd L. Mitchell, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center enrolls more than 4,300 students and boasts more than 16,000 alumni; and

**WHEREAS**, Founded in 1928, Angelo State University enrolls nearly 6,900 students in five colleges and is directed by Dr. Brian J. May; Angelo State University was the first university in the state to offer a degree in computer science, and the institution's physics department has been designated by *Physics Today* as one of the top undergraduate programs in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Tech University System has provided countless students with an outstanding education and a strong foundation for the future, and in so doing, it has contributed to the remarkable achievements of the state as a whole; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby recognize February 20, 2013, as Texas Tech University System Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to all those from the Texas Tech University System who are visiting Austin on this day; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared to commemorate this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 20, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate