

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On February 18 and 19, 2015, members of the  
2 Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Nacogdoches,  
3 and Stephen F. Austin State University and its Student Government  
4 and Alumni Associations are visiting Austin to celebrate  
5 Nacogdoches-SFA Days at the State Capitol; and

6           WHEREAS, Nacogdoches is the site of a Caddo Native American  
7 settlement and a Spanish mission established in 1716; founded by  
8 Antonio Gil Y'Barbo, it received designation from Spain as a pueblo  
9 in 1779, and today it proudly calls itself the first town in Texas,  
10 and it has also been designated the official Garden Capital of  
11 Texas; and

12           WHEREAS, The city became an important gateway for trade with  
13 the French and later the Americans, and claims among its lengthy  
14 list of Texas milestones being home to the first English-language  
15 newspaper, oil well, and two-story building, as well as the state's  
16 inaugural district court session; the nine flags flown over the  
17 city include those of three short-lived early republics; and

18           WHEREAS, Today, the vintage charm of Nacogdoches brings  
19 myriad tourists, who explore such attractions as the Old Stone  
20 Fort, the Victorian homes along Mound Street, the 19th-century  
21 buildings of Millard's Crossing, and the quaint antique shops and  
22 restaurants along brick downtown streets; many also come to enjoy  
23 recreational activities at Lake Nacogdoches, Lake Naconiche, and  
24 Sam Rayburn Reservoir, all known for their bass fishing; in

1 addition to tourism, the primary industries of the area include  
2 agricultural services, manufacturing, and oil and gas; and

3       WHEREAS, Education has been an important part of the area's  
4 economy since Stephen F. Austin State University opened its doors  
5 to 158 students on September 18, 1923; its alumni association was  
6 organized just five years later and has worked diligently through  
7 the years to support the school, which now has an enrollment of  
8 approximately 13,000 students; SFA boasts an exceptionally scenic  
9 campus recognized for the SFA Gardens and also operates a beef and  
10 poultry farm, a dairy farm, an experimental forest, a forestry  
11 field station, and the Waters of East Texas Center; its observatory  
12 is the second largest not only in Texas but also in the Central Time  
13 Zone; and

14       WHEREAS, Beautifully situated in the Texas Forest Country,  
15 Nacogdoches is attracting active retired Texans; it was one of the  
16 first three communities in Texas recognized as a Go Texan certified  
17 retirement community because of its cultural and sporting events,  
18 health care, safety, and continuing education opportunities; and

19       WHEREAS, The combination of numerous amenities and a  
20 neighborly atmosphere makes Nacogdoches a splendid place to live,  
21 work, and study, and it is a pleasure to welcome those representing  
22 the many facets of this vibrant part of the Lone Star State; now,  
23 therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby recognize February 18 and 19, 2015, as  
3 Nacogdoches-SFA Days at the State Capitol and extend to the  
4 visiting delegation best wishes for an enjoyable stay in Austin.

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Allen	Guillen	Paddie
Alonzo	Gutierrez	Parker
Alvarado	Harless	Paul
Anchia	Hernandez	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Herrero	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Howard	Phillips
Ashby	Huberty	Pickett
Aycock	Hughes	Price
Bell	Hunter	Raney
Blanco	Isaac	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Riddle
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rinaldi
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burns	Keough	Rodriguez of Travis
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Romero, Jr.
Button	King of Parker	Rose
Canales	King of Taylor	Sanford
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schaefer
Clardy	Klick	Schofield
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Dale	Laubenberg	Smith
Darby	Leach	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Springer
Deshotel	Lucio III	Stephenson
Dukes	Márquez	Stickland
Dutton	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Elkins	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Faircloth	McClendon	Tinderholt
Fallon	Menéndez	Turner of Collin
Farias	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Farney	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	VanDeaver
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White of Bell
Galindo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Geren	Murphy	Workman
Giddings	Murr	Wray
Goldman	Naishtat	Wu
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 227 was adopted by the House on February 19, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House