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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

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