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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the university's Student Government  
2 Association, faculty, staff, and alumni have gathered in Austin to  
3 celebrate Stephen F. Austin State University Day at the State  
4 Capitol and to commemorate the 91st anniversary of this historic  
5 institution of higher learning; and

6           WHEREAS, Stephen F. Austin State University was established  
7 as a teachers college in September 1923, and although it has greatly  
8 expanded its educational scope in the decades since, it continues  
9 to graduate exceptionally well-prepared classroom teachers,  
10 coaches, and administrators; it also is home to the Arthur Temple  
11 College of Forestry and Agriculture, the Richard and Lucille DeWitt  
12 School of Nursing, the Nelson Rusche College of Business, and the  
13 James I. Perkins College of Education; and

14           WHEREAS, The university's enrollment has increased steadily  
15 during the past 10 years, and the student population reflects the  
16 general diversity of the Lone Star State; additionally, about half  
17 of all recent graduates are from the first generation in their  
18 families to attend college; and

19           WHEREAS, The university continues to serve the population of  
20 East Texas while also drawing large numbers of students from both  
21 the greater Houston metropolitan area and the Dallas-Fort Worth  
22 Metroplex; moreover, the campus is a center for cultural,  
23 educational, and recreational activities for the residents of the  
24 Nacogdoches area, with the 136-acre Stephen F. Austin State

1 University Gardens being one of the highlights enjoyed by visitors;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, For more than nine decades, members of the Stephen  
4 F. Austin State University community have been making important  
5 contributions to Texas and the world beyond, most recently with the  
6 SFA Lumberjack basketball team capturing the hearts of basketball  
7 fans all over the country with a spirited performance in the NCAA  
8 Tournament, and it is most fitting that the university be honored on  
9 this special day; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2015, as Stephen  
12 F. Austin State University Day at the State Capitol and extend to  
13 the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a memorable and  
14 meaningful visit to Austin.