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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Aggies and Longhorns are uniting at the State
2 Capitol on February 4, 2015, to celebrate Orange and Maroon
3 Legislative Day and to promote higher education in the State of
4 Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Alumni from the two schools total more than 820,000,
6 and Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at Austin have
7 a combined annual enrollment of more than 100,000 students, with
8 over 27,500 students receiving degrees each year; the schools boast
9 superb museums and libraries, including the George Bush
10 Presidential Library and Museum and the LBJ Presidential Library,
11 and both universities are renowned for their exceptional research;
12 and

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

19 WHEREAS, Texas A&M and UT Austin researchers explore,
20 discover, and innovate in the sciences, arts, and humanities and
21 combined have been granted more than 2,800 patents; in the 2013
22 fiscal year alone, the institutions' research expenditures totaled
23 over \$1.25 billion; and

24 WHEREAS, Both universities serve as important cultural

1 centers, engaging Texans in the visual and performing arts and
2 other creative endeavors, and they promote athletics and physical
3 education, inspiring Texans to stay active and bringing them
4 together in support of student-athletes; and

5 WHEREAS, The faculties feature Nobel laureates and
6 nationally recognized scholars, and those attending the schools
7 include National Merit scholars, Olympic gold medalists, and many
8 of the Lone Star State's most outstanding students; in addition,
9 the two universities offer an amazing range of postgraduate
10 opportunities with more than 450 graduate degree programs; and

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

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize February 4, 2015, as Orange and Maroon
18 Legislative Day and commend alumni from Texas A&M University and
19 The University of Texas at Austin for their commitment to promoting
20 higher education in the Lone Star State.