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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud Texans are gathering in Austin on  
2 February 18, 2015, to celebrate Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi  
3 Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded on Ward Island in 1947 as the University of  
5 Corpus Christi, the school was originally affiliated with the  
6 Baptist General Convention of Texas and had an initial enrollment  
7 of just over 300; the campus suffered significant damage from  
8 Hurricane Celia in 1970, and the following year, the legislature  
9 authorized the establishment of an upper-level institution by the  
10 Texas A&I University System; and

11 WHEREAS, The campus joined the A&M System in 1989 and four  
12 years later, the board of regents chose the name Texas A&M  
13 University-Corpus Christi; as it expanded to become a four-year  
14 comprehensive university, enrollment increased to 5,000 students  
15 in 1993; the institution revived its intercollegiate athletics  
16 program, and in 2005, it opened the College of Nursing and Health  
17 Sciences; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, under the leadership of president and chief  
19 executive officer Dr. Flavius Killebrew, this noted doctoral  
20 research university has an enrollment of approximately 10,000  
21 students hailing from 48 states and nearly 70 countries;  
22 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees are offered in the five  
23 colleges: Business, Education, Liberal Arts, Nursing and Health  
24 Sciences, and Science and Engineering; with a favorable 20:1

1 student-faculty ratio, the institution can offer a personalized  
2 approach to learning, and 90 percent of the instructors hold the  
3 highest degree attainable in their field; and

4       WHEREAS, Taking a key role in a new era in aviation  
5 technology, TAMU-Corpus Christi has been designated by the Federal  
6 Aviation Administration as an unmanned aircraft system test site;  
7 moreover, the university's Harte Research Institute for Gulf of  
8 Mexico Studies was selected by the Texas Commission on  
9 Environmental Quality as one of two consortia in the state's  
10 Research Centers of Excellence under the RESTORE Act created in  
11 response to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill; and

12       WHEREAS, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi provides  
13 students with a strong foundation for achievement, and its  
14 commitment to the advancement of human knowledge contributes  
15 immeasurably to the prosperity and vitality of the Lone Star State;  
16 now, therefore, be it

17       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby recognize February 18, 2015, as Texas A&M  
19 University-Corpus Christi Day at the State Capitol and extend to  
20 all those participating sincere best wishes for an informative and  
21 enjoyable event.