

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Distinguished representatives of the Texas Tech  
2 University System are gathering at the State Capitol on March 4,  
3 2015, to celebrate the system's vital role in the Lone Star State;  
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5           WHEREAS, The Texas Tech University System, governed by a  
6 nine-member board of regents and Chancellor Robert L. Duncan,  
7 consists of Texas Tech University, Angelo State University, and the  
8 Texas Tech University Health Sciences Centers at Lubbock and El  
9 Paso; the system is a \$1.7 billion enterprise currently educating  
10 nearly 47,000 students, averaging more than \$200 million in  
11 research expenditures annually, and counting approximately 290,000  
12 alumni; in addition, it has an endowment of over \$1 billion and some  
13 17,000 faculty and staff focused on advancing higher education,  
14 health care, research, and outreach across the state; and

15           WHEREAS, Each component of the system provides innovative  
16 educational and research opportunities; Texas Tech University is a  
17 major comprehensive research university, led by President M. Duane  
18 Nellis; enrolling more than 35,000 students in 10 colleges and two  
19 schools, TTU has set a new fall enrollment record for the past eight  
20 years, and it has seen an enrollment increase of 25 percent since  
21 2007; with the goal of being one of the nation's premier research  
22 institutions, the university's total expenditures in that area  
23 topped \$153 million in 2014; moreover, 10 faculty members were  
24 awarded grants from the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in 2013, the

1 most of any university in its class in the nation; and

2       WHEREAS, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is  
3 composed of five schools in various health care disciplines,  
4 including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, allied health sciences, and  
5 biomedical sciences, and has trained more than 20,000 health care  
6 professionals; overseen by Dr. Tedd L. Mitchell, TTUHSC enrolls  
7 more than 4,500 students and has tripled its research expenditures  
8 over the past five years, with significant studies under way in  
9 areas such as aging, cancer, reproduction, and genetic diseases;  
10 the university also graduates more health care professionals than  
11 any other health-related institution in Texas and addresses the  
12 medical needs of more than 2.5 million people who live throughout a  
13 vast 108-county area; and

14       WHEREAS, Joining the system in 2007, Angelo State University  
15 enrolls nearly 6,500 students in five colleges and is directed by  
16 President Brian J. May; ASU was the first university in the state to  
17 offer a degree in computer science and has been named to the  
18 *Princeton Review's* "Best Colleges" list for the past six years;  
19 unique to ASU, its Carr Scholarship program is funded by one of the  
20 largest endowments at a regional university in the United States,  
21 thus making scholarships attainable by one of every five of its  
22 students; and

23       WHEREAS, The fourth and newest member of the system, Texas  
24 Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso became a  
25 comprehensive health-related institution in 2013 and encompasses  
26 the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, the Gayle Greve Hunt School  
27 of Nursing, and a regional Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences;

1 headed by Dr. Richard A. Lange, the university has enrolled nearly  
2 500 students, is home to the first medical school on the nation's  
3 southern border, and conducts important research focused on cancer,  
4 diabetes and obesity, infectious diseases, and neurosciences; and

5 WHEREAS, True to their missions, the Texas Tech University  
6 System and its four component institutions continue to serve as  
7 influential leaders in the higher education and health care  
8 landscapes, and in so doing, they are contributing to the  
9 remarkable achievements of the state as a whole; now, therefore, be  
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby recognize March 4, 2015, as Texas Tech  
13 University System Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome  
14 to all those from the system who are visiting here today.

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

H.R. No. 574

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 574 was adopted by the House on March 4, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House