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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;
4 and

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.