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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Students, faculty, and staff from Tarleton State
2 University are gathering in Austin on March 24, 2015, in
3 celebration of Tarleton State University Day at the State Capitol;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, In 1899, the school was established as John Tarleton
6 College with an endowment from a Stephenville landowner; it was
7 incorporated into the Texas A&M University System in 1917 and
8 served as a two-year institution until 1959, when it extended its
9 curriculum to the junior and senior levels; the present-day name
10 was adopted in 1973; and

11 WHEREAS, Tarleton State University today has campuses in
12 Stephenville, Fort Worth, Waco, and Midlothian, and its enrollment
13 surpasses 11,000; it offers nearly 100 bachelor's and master's
14 degrees, as well as a doctorate in education, and maintains a
15 student-faculty ratio of 20:1; while benefiting from the resources
16 of a major public university, students also enjoy the personal
17 attention, warmth, and faculty interaction typical of a smaller
18 college; and

19 WHEREAS, Long known for excellence in agriculture, Tarleton
20 has the third-largest agricultural program in the nation among
21 non-land-grant universities, and it is among the top producers of
22 agricultural education teachers for Texas schools; its education
23 graduates have an impressive 98 percent certification pass rate;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Tarleton's research centers include the Southwest
2 Regional Dairy Center and the renowned Texas Institute for Applied
3 Environmental Research, which plays a leading role in national and
4 international scholarship on water quality issues; further
5 demonstrating institutional strength in the sciences, the Rocket
6 Club has won top-five honors in two international competitions
7 sponsored by professional associations; moreover, the school's
8 state-of-the-art observatory is the largest in the state dedicated
9 to undergraduate education and research; and

10 WHEREAS, A forward-looking institution with a long history
11 and rich traditions, Tarleton State University continues to provide
12 its students with an outstanding education and a solid foundation
13 for achievement; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
15 Legislature hereby recognize March 24, 2015, as Tarleton State
16 University Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to all
17 those participating in this event.