

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Arlington is marking its
2 120th anniversary in 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded in 1895 as Arlington College, the school
4 initially provided instruction to approximately 75 students from
5 the elementary grades through a level roughly equivalent to high
6 school; it was converted into Carlisle Military Academy in 1902 and
7 was subsequently known as Arlington Training School and then
8 Arlington Military Academy; and

9 WHEREAS, The institution transitioned into Grubbs Vocational
10 College, a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of
11 Texas, in 1917; it maintained that affiliation with what is now
12 Texas A&M University after changing its name to North Texas
13 Agricultural College; by 1949, it was considered the largest
14 state-supported junior college in the Southwest, and it was renamed
15 Arlington State College; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1959, Arlington State became a comprehensive
17 four-year institution, and six years later, it joined The
18 University of Texas System; the state legislature conferred its
19 present-day name in 1967; and

20 WHEREAS, The university today is the second-largest in the UT
21 System, with nearly 49,000 students, and it is ranked by the
22 *Chronicle of Higher Education* as one of the nation's
23 fastest-growing public research universities; its faculty is
24 especially noted for specialized expertise in national defense,

1 information technologies, energy, bioengineering, and
2 biotechnologies; in addition, it awards nearly 10,000 degrees each
3 year in critical workforce fields such as engineering and science,
4 education, social work, and nursing; its nursing college is the
5 state's top producer of baccalaureates in the field and is one of
6 the largest such programs in the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Committed to broadening access to higher education,
8 UTA is ranked fifth among national universities for undergraduate
9 diversity by *U.S. News & World Report*; its enrollment is about 27
10 percent Hispanic and 15 percent African American, and students hail
11 from over 100 countries; UTA graduates contribute significantly to
12 the vibrancy of the region, with more than 60 percent settling in
13 North Texas, and alumni hold leadership positions in all 18 of the
14 area's Fortune 500 companies; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the course of 120 years, The University of
16 Texas at Arlington has provided its students with a strong
17 foundation for achievement, and in so doing, it has played a
18 significant role in fostering economic development and enhancing
19 the quality of life in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
21 Legislature hereby commemorate the 120th anniversary of The
22 University of Texas at Arlington and extend to the institution's
23 administration, faculty, staff, and students sincere best wishes
24 for continued success; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for the university as an expression of high regard by the
3 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1713 was adopted by the House on April 23, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House