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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

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
26 prepared for the university as an expression of high regard by the  
27 Texas House of Representatives.