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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Alumni of Texas A&M University--Kingsville are
2 gathering at the State Capitol in Austin on January 31, 2017, to
3 celebrate Javelina Day, named in honor of the university's beloved
4 mascot; and

5 WHEREAS, Established as a teacher's college in 1925, Texas
6 A&M University--Kingsville is the oldest continuously operating
7 public institution of higher education in South Texas; through the
8 years, the school has greatly expanded its educational scope to
9 include six colleges offering numerous baccalaureate degrees as
10 well as master's and doctoral degree programs; it joined The Texas
11 A&M University System in 1989, and in 2006, the Texas A&M Health
12 Science Center also opened its Rangel College of Pharmacy on the
13 250-acre main Kingsville campus; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, the university enrolls more than 9,000
15 students from throughout the country and around the world,
16 reflecting its commitment to serving individuals of diverse
17 cultural, religious, educational, and economic backgrounds; with a
18 student population that is approximately 58 percent Hispanic and 20
19 percent international, Texas A&M--Kingsville ranks among the top
20 schools in the nation for awarding degrees to Latinas and Latinos,
21 particularly in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and
22 mathematics; and

23 WHEREAS, The institution has received well-deserved
24 recognition for a host of academic programs, including the 545-acre

1 teaching farm it operates for agriculture students and its
2 bilingual postgraduate courses; its outstanding environmental
3 engineering curriculum has been rated one of the 50 best in the
4 country by *U.S. News and World Report*, and *Washington Monthly*
5 magazine has placed the Kingsville campus among the top 100
6 universities in the South; and

7 WHEREAS, Javelina men's and women's sports teams further
8 reflect the ferocity and tenacity for which the student mascot is
9 known; the football team has been especially successful in the
10 athletic arena, capturing 7 national championships and 34 Lone Star
11 Conference titles since 1931; and

12 WHEREAS, For more than nine decades, Texas A&M
13 University--Kingsville has enriched the lives of its students,
14 contributed to the advancement of human knowledge, and proved a
15 powerful force for social progress and economic development in the
16 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize January 31, 2017, as Javelina Day at
19 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
20 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Texas A&M University--Kingsville as an expression of
23 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.