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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas A&M University-Commerce is celebrating the  
2 100th anniversary of the purchase of its present campus in 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, This institution traces its roots back to 1889, when  
4 it first opened its doors as East Texas Normal College in Cooper;  
5 after its original building was destroyed by a fire in 1894, the  
6 college moved to its current site, which was later acquired by the  
7 State of Texas in 1917; renamed several times over the course of its  
8 history, the school has been known as Texas A&M University-Commerce  
9 since 1996; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, A&M-Commerce is the fifth-oldest state  
11 university in Texas and the second-largest institution in The Texas  
12 A&M University System; serving nearly 14,000 students, the school  
13 offers 147 major areas of study at the undergraduate, master's, and  
14 doctoral levels; it also operates satellite buildings in downtown  
15 Dallas, Mesquite, and Rockwall and conducts classes through  
16 partnerships with colleges in McKinney, Corsicana, Midlothian, and  
17 Frisco, in addition to offering an extensive array of online  
18 courses and an online MBA program; and

19 WHEREAS, Dedicated to nurturing a supportive environment for  
20 learning, A&M-Commerce annually provides full-ride scholarships to  
21 50 students through its Honors College and four-year scholarships  
22 to 30 students through its Regents' Scholars Program, which focuses  
23 on leadership development and international study; in recognition  
24 of its commitment to fostering a diverse student body, the

1 university has been designated as an Emerging Hispanic-Serving  
2 Institution, as students of Hispanic descent composed 17 percent of  
3 undergraduates in 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, Since its inception, Texas A&M University-Commerce  
5 has continued to advance its founding mission of encouraging  
6 "ceaseless industry, fearless investigation, unfettered thought,  
7 and unselfish service to others," and this occasion presents a  
8 welcome opportunity to honor this fine institution; now, therefore,  
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the  
12 purchase of the present Texas A&M University-Commerce campus and  
13 extend to the school's students, faculty, and staff sincere best  
14 wishes for the future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the university as an expression of high regard by the  
17 Texas House of Representatives.