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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Aggies and Longhorns are uniting at the State
2 Capitol on February 15, 2017, to celebrate Orange and Maroon
3 Legislative Day and to promote higher education in the State of
4 Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Alumni from the two schools total more than 910,000,
6 and Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at Austin have
7 a combined annual enrollment of more than 100,000 students, with
8 tens of thousands of students receiving degrees each year; the
9 schools boast superb museums and libraries, including the George
10 Bush Presidential Library and Museum and the LBJ Presidential
11 Library, and both universities are renowned for their exceptional
12 research; and

13 WHEREAS, The teaching and research missions of Texas A&M
14 University and The University of Texas at Austin benefit the State
15 of Texas and drive economic prosperity through scientific
16 breakthroughs, technological innovation, entrepreneurial spirit,
17 improved health care, and the creation of successive generations of
18 informed and engaged citizens; and

19 WHEREAS, Texas A&M and UT Austin researchers explore,
20 discover, and innovate in the sciences, arts, and humanities and
21 combined have been granted more than 2,800 patents; as Tier One
22 research institutions, both universities provide students valuable
23 opportunities for applied learning with guidance from outstanding
24 faculty across the disciplines; and

1 WHEREAS, Both universities serve as important cultural
2 centers, engaging Texans in the visual and performing arts and
3 other creative endeavors, and they promote athletics and physical
4 education, inspiring Texans to stay active and bringing them
5 together in support of student-athletes; and

6 WHEREAS, The faculties feature Nobel laureates and
7 nationally recognized scholars, and those attending the schools
8 include National Merit scholars, Olympic gold medalists, and many
9 of the Lone Star State's most outstanding students; in addition,
10 the two universities offer an amazing range of postgraduate
11 opportunities with more than 450 graduate degree programs; and

12 WHEREAS, Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at
13 Austin have established themselves as preeminent institutions of
14 higher education on the state, national, and international levels,
15 and Texans are fortunate to have access to these two exceptional
16 state university systems; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize February 15, 2017, as Orange and
19 Maroon Legislative Day and commend alumni from Texas A&M University
20 and The University of Texas at Austin for their commitment to
21 supporting higher education in the Lone Star State.