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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Distinguished representatives of the Texas Tech  
2 University System are gathering at the State Capitol on March 1,  
3 2017, to celebrate the system's vital role in the Lone Star State;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, The Texas Tech University System, governed by its  
6 board of regents and Chancellor Robert L. Duncan, consists of Texas  
7 Tech University, Angelo State University, and the Texas Tech  
8 University Health Sciences Centers at Lubbock and El Paso; the  
9 system is a \$2 billion enterprise currently educating more than  
10 51,000 students, averaging approximately \$225 million in research  
11 expenditures annually, and counting nearly 325,000 alumni; in  
12 addition, it has an endowment of over \$1 billion and some 20,000  
13 faculty and staff focused on advancing higher education, health  
14 care, research, and outreach across the state; and

15           WHEREAS, Each component of the system provides innovative  
16 educational and research opportunities; Texas Tech University is a  
17 major comprehensive research university, led by President Lawrence  
18 Schovanec; enrolling more than 36,000 students in 10 colleges and  
19 two schools, TTU has set a new fall enrollment record for the past  
20 eight years, and it has seen an enrollment increase of 23 percent  
21 since 2007; with the goal of being one of the nation's premier  
22 research institutions, the university's total expenditures in that  
23 area have increased to \$166 million in 2016, up more than 20 percent  
24 since 2012; additionally, the Carnegie Classification of

1 Institutions of Higher Education listed Texas Tech in its Highest  
2 Research Activity category, elevating the university as one of the  
3 115 Tier One research institutions in the nation; and

4         WHEREAS, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is  
5 composed of five schools in various health care disciplines,  
6 including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, health professions, and  
7 biomedical sciences, and has trained more than 24,000 health care  
8 professionals; overseen by Dr. Tedd L. Mitchell, TTUHSC enrolls  
9 more than 4,600 students and has dedicated more than \$260 million in  
10 research expenditures over the past five years, with significant  
11 studies in areas such as aging, cancer, reproduction, and genetic  
12 diseases; the university also graduates more health care  
13 professionals than any other health-related institution in Texas  
14 and addresses the medical needs of more than 2.7 million people who  
15 live throughout a vast 108-county area; and

16         WHEREAS, Joining the system in 2007, Angelo State University  
17 enrolls more than 9,600 students in six colleges and is directed by  
18 President Brian J. May; designated a Hispanic Serving Institution,  
19 ASU was the first university in the state to offer a degree in  
20 computer science and has been named to the *Princeton Review's* "Best  
21 Colleges" list for the past eight consecutive years; unique to ASU,  
22 its Carr Scholarship program is funded by one of the largest  
23 endowments at a regional university in the United States, thus  
24 making scholarships attainable by one of every three of its  
25 students; and

26         WHEREAS, The fourth and newest member of the system, Texas  
27 Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso became a

1 comprehensive health-related institution in 2013 and encompasses  
2 the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, the Gayle Greve Hunt School  
3 of Nursing, and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences; headed  
4 by Dr. Richard A. Lange, the university has enrolled more than 600  
5 students, is home to the first medical school on the nation's  
6 southern border, and conducts important research focused on cancer,  
7 diabetes and obesity, infectious diseases, and neurosciences; and

8       WHEREAS, Through their missions, the Texas Tech University  
9 System and its four component institutions continue to better the  
10 higher education and health care landscapes, and in so doing, they  
11 are contributing to the remarkable achievements of the state as a  
12 whole; now, therefore, be it

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2017, as Texas Tech  
15 University System Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome  
16 to all those from the system who are visiting here today.