## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, March 1, 2017, is Texas A\&M University--Texarkana Day at the State Capitol, and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to recognize this notable institution; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1971 as East Texas State University--Texarkana, the school hosted upper-division and graduate courses on the campus of Texarkana College; A\&M University--Texarkana became a member of The Texas A\&M University System in 1996, and subsequently, the state legislature passed a bill enabling it to extend instruction to the freshman and sophomore levels; and

WHEREAS, The university began its transition to the 375-acre Bringle Lake campus in 2008 with the completion of a building to serve students in the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; two years later, the University Center opened and the first freshman class enrolled; campus life was enhanced by the addition of a residence hall and intercollegiate athletics, including soccer, tennis, and baseball; in 2016, the university launched its first doctoral program, in Education Leadership, and it broke ground for two new buildings, a recreation and wellness center and an academic and student success facility; and

WHEREAS, Today, A\&M--Texarkana offers 24 undergraduate and 13 graduate degree programs, among them new programs in kinesiology, chemistry, and biotechnology and a master's program in communication; the TAMUT graduate nursing program was ranked among
the 50 best in the nation by TopMastersinHealthcare.com; with a student-to-faculty ratio of $18: 1$, the university supports personalized instruction in smaller classes and promotes frequent opportunities for interaction with professors; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Texas A\&M University--Texarkana has undergone significant expansion while continuing to emphasize student engagement in a close-knit community, and its commitment to academic excellence has encouraged countless young Texans to set and reach higher educational goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2017, as Texas A\&M University--Texarkana Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.

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## Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 630 was adopted by the House on March 1, 2017, by a non-record vote.

