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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Today, A&M--Texarkana offers 24 undergraduate and
22 13 graduate degree programs, among them new programs in
23 kinesiology, chemistry, and biotechnology and a master's program in
24 communication; the TAMUT graduate nursing program was ranked among

1 the 50 best in the nation by TopMastersinHealthcare.com; with a
2 student-to-faculty ratio of 18:1, the university supports
3 personalized instruction in smaller classes and promotes frequent
4 opportunities for interaction with professors; and

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

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