

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 426

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome the members of the Tarleton State University delegation visiting the Capitol on March 21, 2017, to commemorate the centennial of the university's union with what has become The Texas A&M University System and to celebrate Tarleton State University Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Tarleton State University was established in 1899 as John Tarleton College, a four-year liberal arts college in Stephenville; the school evolved to become John Tarleton Agricultural College and joined with Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College to form an educational system in 1917; the college gained university status in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Much of Tarleton State University's history and many of its traditions have been shaped by its association with Texas A&M University, especially in the agricultural, mechanical, and military sciences; with campuses in Stephenville, Fort Worth, Waco, and Midlothian, Tarleton State University serves more than 13,000 students in 7 colleges and 250 academic programs; and

WHEREAS, The school is known for its service to first-generation students and its focus on warmth and personal attention as well as affordability and efficiency; it also maintains one of the fastest growth rates among universities in Texas; and

WHEREAS, A forward-looking institution with a long history and rich traditions, Tarleton State University continues to provide its students with an outstanding education and a solid foundation for achievement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby congratulate Tarleton State University on its centennial celebration as a member of The Texas A&M University System and recognize March 21, 2017, as Tarleton State University Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the university in honor of this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 21, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate