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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The celebration of The University of Texas at Arlington Day at the State Capitol on March 6, 2019, provides a fitting occasion to recognize this notable institution; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1895 as Arlington College, the school initially provided instruction to approximately 75 students from the elementary grades through a level roughly equivalent to high school; it was converted into Carlisle Military Academy in 1902 and was subsequently known as Arlington Training School and then Arlington Military Academy; and

WHEREAS, The institution transitioned into Grubbs Vocational College, a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, in 1917; it maintained that affiliation with what is now Texas A&M University after changing its name to North Texas Agricultural College; by 1949, it was considered the largest state-supported junior college in the Southwest, and it was renamed Arlington State College; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, Arlington State became a comprehensive four-year institution, and six years later, it joined The University of Texas System; the state legislature conferred its present-day name in 1967; and

WHEREAS, The university today is one of the largest in the UT System; its faculty is especially noted for specialized expertise in national defense, information technologies, energy, bioengineering, and biotechnologies; in addition, it awards thousands of degrees each year in critical workforce fields such as engineering and science, education, social work, and nursing; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of more than 120 years, The University of Texas at Arlington has provided its students with a strong foundation for achievement, and in so doing, it has played a significant role in fostering economic development and enhancing the quality of life in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby recognize March 6, 2019, as The University of Texas at Arlington Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.