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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Aggies and Longhorns are uniting at the State
2 Capitol on February 5, 2019, to celebrate Orange and Maroon
3 Legislative Day and to promote higher education in the State of
4 Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Alumni from the two schools total nearly one
6 million, and Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at
7 Austin have a combined annual enrollment of more than 115,000
8 students, with tens of thousands of students receiving degrees each
9 year; the schools boast superb museums and libraries, including the
10 George H. W. Bush Presidential Library Center and the LBJ
11 Presidential Library, and both universities are renowned for their
12 exceptional research; and

13 WHEREAS, The teaching and research missions of Texas A&M
14 University and The University of Texas at Austin benefit the State
15 of Texas and drive economic prosperity through scientific
16 breakthroughs, technological innovation, entrepreneurial spirit,
17 improved health care, and the creation of successive generations of
18 informed and engaged citizens; and

19 WHEREAS, Texas A&M and UT Austin researchers explore,
20 discover, and innovate in the sciences, arts, and humanities and
21 have been granted numerous patents; as Tier One research
22 institutions, both universities provide students valuable
23 opportunities for applied learning with guidance from outstanding
24 faculty across the disciplines; and

1 WHEREAS, Both universities serve as important cultural
2 centers, engaging Texans in the visual and performing arts and
3 other creative endeavors, and they promote athletics and physical
4 education, inspiring Texans to stay active and bringing them
5 together in support of student-athletes; and

6 WHEREAS, The faculties feature Nobel laureates and
7 nationally recognized scholars, and those attending the schools
8 include National Merit scholars, Rhodes scholars, Olympic gold
9 medalists, veterans, and many of the Lone Star State's most
10 outstanding students; in addition, the two universities offer an
11 amazing range of postgraduate opportunities with nearly 500
12 graduate degree programs; and

13 WHEREAS, Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at
14 Austin have established themselves as preeminent institutions of
15 higher education on the state, national, and international levels,
16 and Texans are fortunate to have access to these two exceptional
17 state university systems; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
19 Legislature hereby recognize February 5, 2019, as Orange and Maroon
20 Legislative Day and commend alumni from Texas A&M University and
21 The University of Texas at Austin for their commitment to
22 supporting higher education in the Lone Star State.