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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 19 and 20, 2019, members of the
2 Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Nacogdoches,
3 and Stephen F. Austin State University and its Student Government
4 and Alumni Associations are visiting Austin to celebrate
5 Nacogdoches-SFA Days at the State Capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, Nacogdoches is the site of a Caddo Native American
7 settlement and a Spanish mission established in 1716; founded by
8 Antonio Gil Y'Barbo, it received designation from Spain as a pueblo
9 in 1779, and today it proudly calls itself the first town in Texas;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The city became an important gateway for trade with
12 the French and later the Americans, and claims among its lengthy
13 list of Texas milestones being home to the first English-language
14 newspaper, oil well, and two-story building, as well as the state's
15 inaugural district court session; the nine flags flown over the
16 city include those of three short-lived early republics; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, the vintage charm of Nacogdoches brings
18 myriad tourists, who explore such attractions as the Old Stone
19 Fort, the Victorian homes along Mound Street, the 19th-century
20 buildings of Millard's Crossing, and the quaint antique shops and
21 restaurants along brick downtown streets; many also come to enjoy
22 the lovely green spaces that earned the city recognition as the
23 Garden Capital of Texas and to participate in recreational
24 activities at Lake Nacogdoches, Lake Naconiche, and Sam Rayburn

1 Reservoir, all known for their bass fishing; in addition to
2 tourism, the primary industries of the area include agricultural
3 services, manufacturing, and oil and gas; and

4 WHEREAS, Education has been an important part of the area's
5 economy since Stephen F. Austin State University opened its doors
6 on September 18, 1923; its alumni association was organized just
7 five years later and has worked diligently through the years to
8 support the school, which now has an enrollment of more than 13,000
9 students; SFA boasts an exceptionally scenic campus recognized for
10 the SFA Gardens, the second-largest observatory in the Central Time
11 Zone, and an agricultural research center for beef, dairy, equine,
12 poultry, and swine production; research conducted at SFA's Waters
13 of East Texas Center and its National Center for Pharmaceutical
14 Crops has the potential to reach beyond state boundaries and impact
15 the entire nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Beautifully situated in the Texas Forest Country,
17 Nacogdoches is attracting active retired Texans and offers a
18 vibrant arts community, cultural and sporting events, health care,
19 safety, and continuing education opportunities; and

20 WHEREAS, The combination of numerous amenities and a
21 neighborly atmosphere makes Nacogdoches a splendid place to live,
22 work, and study, and it is a pleasure to welcome those representing
23 the many facets of this notable part of the Lone Star State; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
26 Legislature hereby recognize February 19 and 20, 2019, as
27 Nacogdoches-SFA Days at the State Capitol and extend to the

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1 visiting delegation best wishes for an enjoyable stay in Austin.