

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Distinguished representatives of the Texas Tech
2 University System are gathering at the State Capitol on March 5,
3 2019, to celebrate the system's vital role in the Lone Star State;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The system, governed by a nine-member board of
6 regents and chancellor Dr. Tedd L. Mitchell, consists of Texas Tech
7 University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Angelo
8 State University, and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
9 El Paso; the system is a \$2 billion enterprise that currently
10 educates nearly 55,000 students, conducts research that results in
11 more than \$228 million in expenditures annually, and counts over
12 340,000 alumni; the system also has a \$1.36 billion endowment and
13 some 20,000 faculty and staff focused on advancing higher
14 education, health care, research, and outreach across the state
15 while the system pursues impactful initiatives that stand to serve
16 and solve challenges facing West Texas and the state; and

17 WHEREAS, Each component of the system provides innovative
18 educational and research opportunities; Texas Tech University, the
19 flagship institution, is a major comprehensive research
20 university, led by President Lawrence Schovanec; with more than
21 38,000 students in 10 colleges and 2 schools, Texas Tech has set a
22 new fall enrollment record for the past 10 years, increasing
23 enrollment 34 percent over a decade; in 2018, the university earned
24 designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution, furthering its

1 vision of educating a diverse, robust population of students; with
2 the goal of being one of the nation's premier research
3 institutions, the university's total research expenditures have
4 increased 237 percent within a decade; additionally, the Carnegie
5 Classification of Institutions of Higher Education recently
6 reaffirmed Texas Tech in its "Very High Research Activity"
7 category, affirming the university as one of 86 public Tier One
8 research institutions in the nation; in its continual pursuit to
9 fulfill the university's mission of innovative problem solving,
10 Texas Tech is establishing the state's first veterinary school in
11 over 100 years to provide veterinarians to the non-metropolitan and
12 agricultural communities in critical need and to expand educational
13 opportunities for Texas; and

14 WHEREAS, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is
15 celebrating its 50th year, having grown from a school of medicine
16 into a comprehensive health-related institution composed of
17 five schools in diverse health care disciplines, including
18 medicine, nursing, pharmacy, health professions, and biomedical
19 sciences, that has trained more than 28,000 health care
20 professionals; overseen by Dr. Tedd L. Mitchell, TTUHSC enrolls
21 more than 5,000 students and has dedicated over \$218 million in
22 research expenditures in the past five years, with significant
23 studies in areas such as aging, cancer, reproduction, parasites,
24 and genetic diseases; the university also graduates more health
25 care professionals than any other health-related institution in
26 Texas and meets the health care needs of nearly three million people
27 who live throughout a vast 108-county area; and

1 WHEREAS, Having joined the system in 2007, Angelo State
2 University enrolls more than 10,000 undergraduate, graduate, and
3 doctoral students in more than 100 majors and concentrations and is
4 directed by President Brian J. May; designated as a Hispanic
5 Serving Institution, ASU was the first university in the state to
6 offer a degree in computer science, recently introduced its rapidly
7 expanding engineering programs, and has been named to the *Princeton*
8 *Review's* "Best Colleges" list every year since 2010; unique to ASU,
9 its Carr Academic Scholarship program is funded by one of the
10 largest endowments at a regional university in the U.S., thus
11 making scholarships possible for approximately one out of every
12 three of its students; and

13 WHEREAS, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso
14 became a stand-alone health sciences center in 2013, making it the
15 fourth and newest member of the Texas Tech University System;
16 TTUHSC El Paso is composed of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine,
17 the Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing, and the Graduate School of
18 Biomedical Sciences; headed by Dr. Richard Lange, the university
19 enrolls more than 1,000 students, is home to the first medical
20 school on the nation's southern border, conducts important research
21 focused on cancer, diabetes and obesity, infectious diseases, and
22 the neurosciences, and will soon add the Woody L. Hunt School of
23 Dental Medicine to elevate access to critical dental care for West
24 Texans; and

25 WHEREAS, Students from Texas Tech's College of Agricultural
26 Sciences and Natural Resources Matador Institute of Leadership
27 Engagement are present today as they cultivate professional

1 leadership skills and participate in key issues affecting local,
2 state, and national agriculture and policy; also present today are
3 Angelo State political science students representing the Ram family
4 and getting hands-on experience in their studies; members of
5 student government associations from across the TTU System have
6 traveled to Austin to represent their universities and advocate for
7 the system's priorities and student body; and

8 WHEREAS, Through its missions, the Texas Tech University
9 System and its four component institutions continue to better the
10 higher education and health care landscapes, and in so doing, they
11 are contributing to the remarkable achievements of the state as a
12 whole; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2019, as Texas Tech
15 University System Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome
16 to all those from the system who are visiting here today.

Frullo
Price
Moody
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H.R. No. 585

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 585 was adopted by the House on March 5, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House