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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;  
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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.