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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band, the nation's largest
2 military marching band, is celebrating its 125th anniversary in
3 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, The official marching band of Texas A&M University,
5 the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band was established in 1894 under the
6 direction of Joseph Holick; originally composed of only 13 cadets,
7 the group now has approximately 400 musicians in its ranks; the
8 unit's members belong to the school's Corps of Cadets and perform
9 during halftime at all home games and select away games for the
10 Aggies' football team; renowned for its intricate drills, precise
11 formations, and distinctive sound that favors traditional march
12 scores over contemporary pieces, the band has earned legendary
13 status through the decades; and

14 WHEREAS, Appearing at a wide range of events over the years,
15 the Aggie Band helped celebrate the first Armistice Day in 1919 and
16 has performed at presidential and gubernatorial inaugurations, at
17 presidential funerals, and at parades, concerts, and various other
18 civic functions in College Station and Bryan; in honor of its long
19 tradition of excellence, the band received the John Philip Sousa
20 Foundation's Sudler Trophy in 2001; and

21 WHEREAS, The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band is a vibrant part of
22 the rich cultural fabric of the Lone Star State, representing the
23 university's core values of integrity, leadership, respect, and
24 selfless service, and its members are indeed deserving of

1 recognition on this special occasion; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band on
4 its 125th anniversary and extend to each member sincere best wishes
5 for continued success; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the Aggie Band as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.