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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 100 years, Texas A&M University has provided
2 vital support to those students who have answered our nation's call
3 to duty and served in the military; and

4 WHEREAS, Texas A&M was founded as a military academy in 1876,
5 and in the aftermath of World War I, the school began offering
6 rehabilitation and vocational training to wounded American
7 veterans; on March 7, 1919, U.S. Army veteran Sidney O'Hara and U.S.
8 Navy veteran H. A. Camp arrived at the school to take part in the
9 program; Mr. O'Hara had been hurt in a troop train accident in
10 France, and Mr. Camp had been injured while working aboard the navy
11 training vessel *Franklin*; both men were enrolled in an eight-week
12 course in automobile and tractor repair; and

13 WHEREAS, Paid for by the federal government, this program
14 quickly grew, and within a few years, the school was serving up to
15 250 vocational students annually, all of whom were warmly welcomed
16 by the university and the local community; many of the men received
17 training in the cotton industry as well as additional instruction
18 in such subjects as commercial law, English, bookkeeping, and
19 office management; and

20 WHEREAS, A century later, Texas A&M offers a wide variety of
21 services to its student veterans through its Military Admissions
22 program, which provides individualized assistance to applicants,
23 through its Veteran Services Office, which helps veterans maximize
24 Veterans Administration education benefits and other benefits, and

1 through its Veteran Resource and Support Center, which connects
2 veterans with uniquely tailored resources from campus and community
3 networks; more than 3,800 veterans or spouses and children of
4 veterans are currently receiving benefits at the school; and

5 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to those
6 men and women who take up arms in our defense, and Texas A&M is
7 playing a crucial role in the lives of its student veterans by
8 providing them with the support, encouragement, and resources they
9 so richly deserve; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commend Texas A&M University for its 100 years
12 of outstanding service to veterans and extend to the university's
13 veterans affairs personnel sincere best wishes for continued
14 success in their important work; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Texas A&M University as an expression of high regard by
17 the Texas House of Representatives.