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## RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, April 8, 2019, is Texas A&M University-Texarkana Day
- 2 at the State Capitol, and this occasion provides a fitting
- 3 opportunity to recognize this notable institution; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1971 as East Texas State
- 5 University-Texarkana, the school hosted upper-division and
- 6 graduate courses on the campus of Texarkana College; A&M
- 7 University-Texarkana became a member of The Texas A&M University
- 8 System in 1996, and subsequently, the state legislature passed a
- 9 bill enabling it to extend instruction to the freshman and
- 10 sophomore levels; and
- 11 WHEREAS, The university began its transition to the 375-acre
- 12 Bringle Lake campus in 2008 with the completion of a building to
- 13 serve students in the College of Science, Technology, Engineering,
- 14 and Mathematics; two years later, the University Center opened and
- 15 the first freshman class enrolled; campus life was enhanced by the
- 16 addition of a residence hall and intercollegiate athletics,
- 17 including soccer, tennis, and baseball; in 2016, the university
- 18 launched its first doctoral program, in Education Leadership, and
- 19 construction was recently completed on two new buildings, a
- 20 recreation and wellness center and an academic and student services
- 21 facility; and
- WHEREAS, Today, A&M-Texarkana offers 24 undergraduate and 13
- 23 graduate degree programs; the TAMUT graduate nursing
- 24 program was ranked among the 50 best in the nation by

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- 1 TopMastersInHealthcare.com, and the school was recognized for
- 2 having one of the best online MBA programs by GradSource.com; with a
- 3 student-to-faculty ratio of 18:1, the university supports
- 4 personalized instruction in smaller classes and promotes frequent
- 5 opportunities for interaction with professors; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Since its inception, Texas A&M University-Texarkana
- 7 has undergone significant expansion while continuing to emphasize
- 8 student engagement in a close-knit community, and its commitment to
- 9 academic excellence has encouraged countless young Texans to set
- 10 and reach higher educational goals; now, therefore, be it
- 11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
- 12 Legislature hereby recognize April 8, 2019, as Texas A&M
- 13 University-Texarkana Day at the State Capitol and extend to the
- 14 visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and
- 15 enjoyable stay in Austin.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1059 was adopted by the House on April 8, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House