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R E S O L U T I O N

1 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

22 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

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.