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H.R. No. 1277

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at San Antonio is
2 celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1969, state senator Joe J. Bernal sponsored the
4 bill establishing UTSA as the Alamo City's first public university,
5 and he played a key role in the final negotiations to pass the
6 legislation; and

7 WHEREAS, The Class of 1973, the first to graduate from UTSA,
8 numbered 670 students; today, enrollment exceeds 32,000, and the
9 institution has some 132,000 alumni, who contribute to communities
10 around the world; and

11 WHEREAS, UTSA brings national recognition to Texas through
12 its programs of distinction in cybersecurity, health, energy,
13 sustainability, and human and social development; it has been
14 ranked as the nation's number one Hispanic-serving institution and
15 third most military-friendly institution, as well as one of the top
16 100 young universities in the world; and

17 WHEREAS, Designated by the Texas Legislature as an emerging
18 research university, UTSA is on its way to earning both National
19 Research University Fund eligibility and the highest research
20 designation from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of
21 Teaching; and

22 WHEREAS, UTSA is creating a collaborative and impactful
23 government-university-industry ecosystem in San Antonio through
24 its new National Security Collaboration Center, the state's first

1 program of its kind; it is also launching the state's first School
2 of Data Science; and

3 WHEREAS, Fifty percent of UTSA students are the first in
4 their families to attend college, and as an inclusive institution,
5 it provides opportunities for individuals from all backgrounds to
6 thrive; and

7 WHEREAS, The university is a catalyst for change in San
8 Antonio, and while driving the city's knowledge economy, it acts as
9 a prosperity engine for the entire state; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its founding, UTSA has transformed the lives
11 of innumerable Texans, providing them with the education required
12 to achieve their dreams and preparing them to effect positive
13 change in the world around them; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
15 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the
16 establishment of The University of Texas at San Antonio and extend
17 to all those associated with this rising institution sincere best
18 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the university as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.