

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 683

WHEREAS, The students, faculty, and staff of Texas A&M University--San Antonio are celebrating the school's 10th anniversary in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Texas A&M University--San Antonio was established as a stand-alone institution in May 2009, after Governor Rick Perry signed into law Senate Bill 629 from the 81st Texas Legislature; that momentous occasion was the culmination of a process that had begun in 1997, when Senator Frank Madla first requested proposals to create a college in South San Antonio; the first classes convened in 2000 under the name Texas A&M University-Kingsville System Center-San Antonio, and the campus's permanent home was established in 2007 with the receipt of nearly 700 acres from the Verano Land Group; and

WHEREAS, The first upper-division institution of higher education on the city's South Side, Texas A&M University--San Antonio has filled a vital need in the community, and it has grown dramatically; by the fall of 2017, the school had seen a 340 percent increase in enrollment over the previous nine years; to keep pace with the needs of its students, the university has opened a number of state-of-the-art facilities, including the recent additions of Esperanza Hall, the Presidio Gallery, and the Science and Technology Building; and

WHEREAS, Today Texas A&M University--San Antonio serves nearly 6,500 students--approximately 77 percent of whom are the first in their family to attend college--and the school has graduated more than 8,000 alumni; offering degrees in over 30 undergraduate and graduate courses of study, the university provides students with the opportunity to earn an affordable

education in a variety of in-demand fields, such as education, business, criminology, biology, and information technology and cybersecurity; and

WHEREAS, During the past decade, Texas A&M University--San Antonio has given thousands of Texans a strong academic foundation on which to build, and the school is indeed deserving of recognition as it celebrates this important milestone in its history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 10th anniversary of Texas A&M University--San Antonio and extend to all those associated with the institution sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Texas A&M University--San Antonio as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

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Patrick, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 9, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate