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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A delegation from Angelo State University is
2 visiting Austin on March 21, 2023, in celebration of Angelo State
3 University Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded as San Angelo Junior College, ASU opened its
5 doors in 1928 with an initial enrollment of 112 students, and its
6 first graduating class consisted of six students; in the 1930s, the
7 school changed its name to San Angelo College, and it evolved into a
8 four-year, state-supported university during the 1960s; the school
9 adopted the name Angelo State College in 1965 and Angelo State
10 University in 1969; it was part of the Texas State University System
11 from 1963 to 2007, when it joined the Texas Tech University System;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Today, ASU serves more than 10,500 students and
14 employs some 900 faculty and staff members, who benefit from the
15 able leadership of President Ronnie D. Hawkins Jr.; it offers a wide
16 range of undergraduate and graduate programs with more than 100
17 majors and concentrations, including an essential and rapidly
18 expanding commercial aviation program, across its six colleges,
19 which encompass health and human services, arts and humanities,
20 education, science and engineering, business, and graduate studies
21 and research; in addition, the school established the ASU
22 Distinguished Scholarship Program, which is funded by one of the
23 largest endowments at a U.S. regional university; and

24 WHEREAS, Among its many achievements, ASU has been ranked as

1 one of the nation's best colleges by The Princeton Review every year
2 since 2010; it has also been named a Hispanic-Serving Institution
3 by the U.S. Department of Education and a Military Friendly School
4 by *G.I. Jobs* magazine; ASU has more than 49,000 alumni around the
5 globe; and

6 WHEREAS, For almost nine and a half decades, Angelo State
7 University has played an important role in higher education in the
8 Lone Star State, and its graduates continue to achieve success and
9 make significant contributions in numerous fields of endeavor; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize March 21, 2023, as Angelo State
13 University Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the
14 school's visiting delegation.