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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The celebration of The University of Texas at
2 Arlington Day at the State Capitol on March 22, 2023, provides a
3 fitting occasion to recognize this notable institution; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1895 as Arlington College, the school
5 initially provided instruction to approximately 75 students from
6 the elementary grades through a level roughly equivalent to high
7 school; it was converted into Carlisle Military Academy in 1902 and
8 was subsequently known as Arlington Training School and then
9 Arlington Military Academy; and

10 WHEREAS, The institution transitioned into Grubbs Vocational
11 College, a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of
12 Texas, in 1917; it maintained that affiliation with what is now
13 Texas A&M University after changing its name to North Texas
14 Agricultural College; by 1949, it was considered the largest
15 state-supported junior college in the Southwest, and it was renamed
16 Arlington State College; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1959, Arlington State became a comprehensive
18 four-year institution, and six years later, it joined The
19 University of Texas System; the state legislature conferred its
20 present-day name in 1967; and

21 WHEREAS, The university today is the second largest in the UT
22 System; its faculty is especially noted for specialized expertise
23 in national defense, information technologies, hypersonics,
24 healthcare informatics, energy, bioengineering, and

1 biotechnologies; in addition, it awards thousands of degrees each
2 year in critical workforce fields such as engineering and science,
3 education, and social work, and its nursing program has become the
4 largest producer of baccalaureate-prepared registered nurses in
5 Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, An inclusive and impactful research university, it
7 was the state's fourth public university to achieve Texas Tier One
8 status in 2021, and it is one of only 21 universities nationwide to
9 be categorized as both an R1 institution by the Carnegie
10 Classification of Institutions of Higher Education and a
11 Hispanic-Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Over the course of more than 125 years, The
14 University of Texas at Arlington has provided its students with a
15 strong foundation for achievement, and in so doing, it has played a
16 significant role in fostering economic development and enhancing
17 the quality of life in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
19 Legislature hereby recognize March 22, 2023, as The University of
20 Texas at Arlington Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm
21 welcome to the visiting delegation.