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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives and alumni from St. Edward's  
2 University in Austin are gathering at the State Capitol on  
3 February 9, 2023, to commemorate St. Edward's University Day; and

4 WHEREAS, St. Edward's University is a private, liberal arts  
5 institution founded in the Catholic and Holy Cross tradition, and  
6 it currently serves approximately 3,600 students in over 55  
7 undergraduate and graduate degree programs; committed to providing  
8 a highly personalized academic environment in which students can  
9 deepen their knowledge with experiential learning, the university  
10 has thrived as a diverse and highly collaborative community and has  
11 excelled at producing well-rounded scholars as well as exceptional  
12 leaders, innovators, and justice-minded thinkers who use their  
13 talents to help shape the world for the better; for 20 consecutive  
14 years, St. Edward's has been recognized as one of "America's Best  
15 Colleges" by *U.S. News & World Report*, which has additionally  
16 listed it among the 10 Best Regional Universities in the West for  
17 four years in a row; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2021, St. Edward's named its first Hispanic  
19 president, Dr. Montserrat Fuentes, to lead the institution; under  
20 Dr. Fuentes's guidance, St. Edward's is advancing a bold and  
21 visionary strategic plan focused on expanding academic programs to  
22 meet local and statewide workforce needs, connecting graduates with  
23 careers, investing in ways to give back to the community, and  
24 promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion; as a Hispanic Serving

1 Institution, St. Edward's takes pride in a student body that is  
2 more than 50 percent Hispanic, and over a third of its students are  
3 the first in their families to attend college; at 50 years of  
4 service, its College Assistance Migrant Program has earned the  
5 distinction of being the longest continuously running CAMP program  
6 in the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, St. Edward's graduates have  
8 embodied the university's mission by courageously taking risks and  
9 confronting the critical issues facing our great state to bring  
10 about positive change, and it is a privilege to honor this  
11 outstanding institution; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature  
13 hereby recognize February 9, 2023, as St. Edward's University Day  
14 at the State Capitol and extend to all those associated with the  
15 university sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for St. Edward's as an expression of high regard by the  
19 Texas Senate.