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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The celebration of University of North Texas Day at
2 the State Capitol on February 21, 2023, provides a welcome
3 opportunity to recognize this notable institution; and

4 WHEREAS, One of the largest universities in the state, UNT
5 posted a record-breaking enrollment for the fourth consecutive year
6 in the fall 2022 semester, with more than 44,500 students working
7 toward degrees; the school's increasing enrollment continues to
8 magnify its impact in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where it
9 contributes an estimated \$1.65 billion to the economy annually; and

10 WHEREAS, UNT offers a wide range of innovative,
11 internationally ranked programs that not only foster students'
12 academic and intellectual development but also offer leadership and
13 service opportunities; its faculty members conduct groundbreaking
14 research in such areas as plant science, materials science and
15 engineering, and logistics, which spurs innovation and
16 technological advancement in a thriving business corridor; many of
17 the school's more than 476,000 alumni have gone on to distinguish
18 themselves in their fields of endeavor, and graduates of the UNT
19 College of Music, which is recognized as one of the nation's best,
20 largest, and most comprehensive music departments, have received
21 119 Grammy Awards to date; and

22 WHEREAS, In recognition of its research programs and their
23 impact, UNT has been awarded the R1 classification, the highest
24 rank given to research universities by the Carnegie Classifications

1 of Institutions of Higher Education; the university has also been
2 designated as a Minority Serving Institution, as well as a Hispanic
3 Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education; committed
4 to providing high-quality, affordable higher education
5 opportunities, UNT has kept the cost of tuition flat for more than
6 five years and taken measures to reduce student debt and to shorten
7 the time to degree completion; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, UNT has built a commendable
9 reputation for academic excellence, research, and service, and it
10 has made important contributions to the North Texas region and
11 beyond; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
13 hereby recognize February 21, 2023, as University of North Texas
14 Day and extend sincere best wishes to the school's students,
15 faculty, staff, and alumni.