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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives of The University of Texas at San
2 Antonio and The University of Texas Health Science Center at San
3 Antonio are gathering at the State Capitol on February 4, 2025,
4 providing a fitting opportunity to congratulate the institutions on
5 their merger; and

6 WHEREAS, Categorized as an R1 institution by the Carnegie
7 Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, UTSA boasts a
8 rapidly growing portfolio of research in cybersecurity, artificial
9 intelligence, space exploration, and biomedical fields; at the
10 center of one of the largest cybersecurity ecosystems in the
11 nation, the university is home to the National Security
12 Collaboration Center, the Cybersecurity Manufacturing Innovation
13 Institute, and the School of Data Science, the first of its kind in
14 Texas; demonstrating a commitment to high-impact research and
15 applied technology development, the university is launching the
16 College of AI, Cyber, and Computing in fall 2025; and

17 WHEREAS, UT Health San Antonio is a nationally ranked
18 academic health center with six professional health education
19 schools; it is also a global leader for clinical medicine research,
20 including in such specialties as cancer, aging, Alzheimer's and
21 dementia, infectious diseases, and mental and behavioral health;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, In summer 2025, UTSA and UT Health San Antonio will
24 combine to become the third-largest public research university in

1 the state; the new entity will encompass more than 40,000 students,
2 nearly 16,000 employees, \$467 million in research expenditures, a
3 \$2.2 billion budget, and a \$1.1 billion endowment; its direct
4 economic impact to Texas is estimated to be over \$6 billion; and

5 WHEREAS, UTSA and UT Health San Antonio partnered to create
6 the UT School of Public Health San Antonio, which educates
7 professionals who identify health trends, develop prevention
8 strategies, and implement programs to address health issues across
9 populations; another collaboration of UTSA and UT Health, the San
10 Antonio Life Sciences Institute has expanded the state's health
11 sciences workforce in the areas of neuroscience, cancer prevention,
12 infectious disease, and regenerative medicine; and

13 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at San Antonio and The
14 University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio have
15 provided countless students with a strong foundation for
16 achievement, and the merger of these outstanding institutions will
17 enable them to make an even greater impact in the local community
18 and beyond; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize February 4, 2025, as UTSA and UT
21 Health San Antonio Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm
22 welcome to the visiting delegation.