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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Longhorns and Aggies are uniting at the State  
2 Capitol on February 26, 2025, to celebrate The University of Texas  
3 at Austin and Texas A&M University with Orange and Maroon  
4 Legislative Day, a day when the state's two largest universities  
5 work together to promote higher education in the State of Texas; and

6           WHEREAS, Alumni from the two institutions total more than  
7 1.17 million, and The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M  
8 University had a combined enrollment of nearly 133,000 students in  
9 the fall of 2024, with nearly 35,000 students receiving degrees  
10 that year; the schools boast superb museums and libraries,  
11 including the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum and  
12 the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library and Museum, and both  
13 universities are renowned for their exceptional research, with  
14 combined annual research expenditures of more than \$2.3 billion;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, The teaching and research missions of The University  
17 of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University benefit the State of  
18 Texas through the cultivation of informed and engaged citizens, and  
19 they drive economic prosperity through technological innovation,  
20 entrepreneurial spirit, improved health care, and scientific  
21 breakthroughs; and

22           WHEREAS, Researchers from The University of Texas at Austin  
23 and Texas A&M University explore, discover, and innovate in the  
24 sciences, arts, and humanities and have been granted numerous

1 patents; as Tier One research institutions, both universities  
2 provide students valuable opportunities for applied learning with  
3 guidance from outstanding faculty across the disciplines, and both  
4 universities broaden access to higher education for underserved  
5 populations; and

6 WHEREAS, Both universities serve as important cultural  
7 centers, engaging Texans in the visual and performing arts and  
8 other creative endeavors, and they promote athletics and physical  
9 education, inspiring Texans to stay active and bringing them  
10 together in support of student-athletes; and

11 WHEREAS, The combined faculties feature Nobel laureates and  
12 more than 100 National Academy members, and those attending the  
13 schools include National Merit scholars, Rhodes scholars, Olympic  
14 gold medalists, and many of the Lone Star State's most outstanding  
15 students; in addition, the two universities offer an amazing range  
16 of postgraduate opportunities with more than 350 graduate degree  
17 programs; and

18 WHEREAS, The two universities have proven records of support  
19 for our nation's military, commissioning tens of thousands of  
20 uniformed officers throughout their storied histories, and for our  
21 nation's veterans, enrolling hundreds of veterans each semester,  
22 establishing their commitment to providing new opportunities to our  
23 nation's bravest in supportive, military-friendly environments;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M  
26 University have positioned themselves as preeminent institutions  
27 of higher education on the state, national, and international

1 levels, and Texans are fortunate to have access to these two  
2 exceptional state university systems; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2025, as Orange and  
5 Maroon Legislative Day and commend students and alumni from The  
6 University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University for their  
7 commitment to supporting higher education in the Lone Star State.