

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A delegation from Prairie View A&M University is
2 visiting Austin on February 18, 2025, in celebration of Prairie
3 View A&M University Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The second-oldest public institution of higher
5 education in Texas, Prairie View A&M University traces its origins
6 to 1876, when it was established by the 15th Texas Legislature as
7 Alta Vista Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored
8 Youth; at that time, the board of directors of the Agricultural and
9 Mechanical College at Bryan was responsible for its management; and

10 WHEREAS, The institution opened a campus in Prairie View on
11 March 11, 1878, and welcomed its first class of students, which
12 included eight young African American men; it was originally
13 designated as a normal school for the training of teachers, but
14 after it was approved as a branch campus of the Agricultural
15 Experiment Station and as a Land Grant College, its curriculum
16 expanded to include the arts and sciences, home economics,
17 agriculture, mechanical arts, and nursing; a four-year senior
18 college program was introduced in 1919, and a division of graduate
19 studies, which offered master's degrees in agricultural economics,
20 school administration, and other subjects, was added in 1937; by an
21 act of the 63rd Texas Legislature, the institution adopted its
22 present-day name, Prairie View A&M University, in 1973; and

23 WHEREAS, Prairie View A&M has grown considerably over the
24 course of its long history, and during the fall 2024 semester, it

1 posted a record-breaking enrollment of nearly 9,900 students; since
2 its inception, it has awarded some 46,000 academic degrees; today,
3 the university benefits from the able leadership of its president,
4 Dr. Tomikia LeGrande, and offers more than 70 degree programs
5 through its eight colleges and schools; situated on a picturesque
6 campus in rural Prairie View, it welcomes students from across the
7 United States and from many foreign countries; and

8 WHEREAS, Among its many accomplishments, Prairie View A&M is
9 one of just 11 Historically Black Colleges and Universities to hold
10 the R2 Carnegie Mellon Distinction, which recognizes institutions
11 for their contributions to doctoral research; and

12 WHEREAS, Prairie View A&M University has provided countless
13 students with a strong foundation for achievement, and it is a
14 pleasure to join in honoring the institution on this special
15 occasion; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize February 18, 2025, as Prairie View A&M
18 University Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those
19 affiliated with the institution sincere best wishes for the future;
20 and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Prairie View A&M as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 276

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 276 was adopted by the House on February 18, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House