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H.R. No. 294

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Over the course of 150 years, Prairie View A&M
2 University has established itself as an outstanding educational
3 resource and a force for social progress in the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded under the Morrill Land Grant College Act and
5 the Texas Constitution in 1876, Prairie View A&M University is one
6 of the state's oldest public institutions of higher learning; the
7 school was originally opened to provide for the education of
8 African Americans, and it is today among the largest historically
9 Black colleges and universities in the nation; and

10 WHEREAS, Graduates of Prairie View A&M University have
11 achieved prominence in such fields as education, business,
12 medicine, engineering, science, law, and the military; the
13 institution currently offers more than 70 degree programs, and it
14 provides opportunities for students to broaden their intellectual
15 horizons and develop valuable skills by participating in study
16 abroad programs, service learning projects, cultural training
17 initiatives, and other rewarding experiences; and

18 WHEREAS, Prairie View A&M posted an enrollment of nearly
19 9,900 students during the fall 2024 semester, surpassing its
20 previous record; the school currently ranks among the top
21 universities for graduating African Americans with degrees in
22 architecture, engineering, marketing, and agriculture, as well as
23 one of the best value institutions in the State of Texas; in
24 addition, it is among just 11 HBCUs to have attained an R2

1 designation from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of
2 Higher Education for high research activity; and

3 WHEREAS, Prairie View A&M University has excelled in its
4 mission to provide students with a strong foundation on which to
5 build successful careers and fulfilling lives, and it is a
6 privilege to join in recognizing the institution on this special
7 milestone in its history; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of Prairie
10 View A&M University and extend to the school's administrators,
11 faculty, staff, students, and alumni sincere best wishes for the
12 future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the university as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.