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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives from Tarleton State University are  
2 gathering at the State Capitol on February 20, 2025, to celebrate  
3 the school's more than 125 years of excellence; and

4 WHEREAS, Tarleton State traces its origins back to 1899, when  
5 it was established as John Tarleton College, and in 1917, it became  
6 part of The Texas A&M University System as John Tarleton  
7 Agricultural College; the institution was renamed Tarleton State  
8 College in 1949, and it assumed its current name in 1973; and

9 WHEREAS, Tarleton has grown considerably over the course of  
10 its long history, and during the fall 2024 semester, it posted a  
11 record-breaking enrollment of approximately 18,000 students; with  
12 campuses in Stephenville, Fort Worth, Waco, and Bryan, the  
13 university offers nearly 130 programs of study, including a robust  
14 online program, and it boasts a student-to-faculty ratio of 23:1;  
15 under the able guidance of president Dr. James Hurley, Tarleton  
16 also anticipates a number of exciting initiatives in the future,  
17 including the construction of a new Agriculture Building, the  
18 establishment of the Center for Rural Resilience, and further  
19 expansion of the Fort Worth campus; and

20 WHEREAS, Among its many other achievements, Tarleton State  
21 successfully completed its four-year NCAA Division I  
22 reclassification period, and in 2024, it was ranked as one of the  
23 nation's best colleges by *Money* magazine; and

24 WHEREAS, Tarleton State University has provided countless

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1 students with a strong foundation for achievement, and it is a  
2 pleasure to join in honoring the institution's commitment to its  
3 mission of inspiring discovery, leadership, and service through  
4 educational excellence; now, therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 20, 2025, as Tarleton State  
7 University Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those  
8 affiliated with the institution sincere best wishes for the future.