

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 97

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join in celebrating February 18, 2025, as Prairie View A&M University Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, On August 14, 1876, the Texas Legislature established the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored Youth, the first state-supported college in Texas for African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Now known as Prairie View A&M University, the school is the second-oldest public institution in Texas and is ranked among the nation's best colleges and universities; its proud legacy and reputation are upheld through the guidance of its ninth president, Dr. Tomikia LeGrande; and

WHEREAS, Prairie View A&M University is known as a leading institution for higher education in such areas as agricultural research, architecture, engineering, and nursing; students benefit from a challenging curriculum that prepares them to flourish in their chosen careers; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of its distinguished history, Prairie View A&M University has awarded approximately 46,000 academic degrees; it is a leader among historically black colleges and universities and is an invaluable component of The Texas A&M University System; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby commend the educators, staff, and administrators of Prairie View A&M University and extend to them best wishes for a memorable Prairie View A&M University Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the university as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Kolkhorst

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 18, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate