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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The celebration of University of Houston-Downtown
2 Day at the State Capitol on March 8, 2023, provides a fitting
3 opportunity to recognize this notable institution; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1974, the University of
5 Houston-Downtown has built a reputation as an inclusive, equitable,
6 and welcoming campus; with an accessible location at the heart of
7 downtown Houston, it serves a student body highly representative of
8 the vibrant community; many of the more than 14,000 Texans enrolled
9 are transfer students or older adults returning to complete
10 degrees; and

11 WHEREAS, *The Wall Street Journal* has named UHD the most
12 diverse school in the South; seventy percent of freshmen are
13 first-generation college students, and the university is federally
14 designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, a Minority-Serving
15 Institution, and a Military-Friendly School; and

16 WHEREAS, Led by its seventh president, Dr. Loren J.
17 Blanchard, UHD offers 57 undergraduate and graduate degrees, with
18 19 opportunities for online degree completion; two of the programs
19 are ranked among the nation's best by *U.S. News & World Report*; the
20 institution is acknowledged under the Carnegie Classification
21 system as a comprehensive, regional university and has four
22 colleges, Humanities and Social Sciences, Public Service, Sciences
23 and Technology, and the Marilyn Davies College of Business, which
24 houses the largest MBA program in the area; over the years, UHD has

1 built strong business and industry partnerships, and it is
2 developing as an innovation hub for undergraduate researchers and
3 entrepreneurs; and

4 WHEREAS, The university ranks as one of the most affordable
5 institutions of higher learning in the state; while providing
6 scholars with a strong academic foundation, it fosters timely
7 progress through degree programs so that graduates may enter their
8 chosen fields as swiftly as possible with low student debt; UHD is
9 also committed to civic engagement and encourages a culture of
10 caring; and

11 WHEREAS, For nearly a half century, the University of
12 Houston-Downtown has helped area residents improve their lives and
13 gain a greater foothold in the thriving Texas economy, and it has
14 prepared its alumni to be leaders in their communities and beyond;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
17 hereby recognize March 8, 2023, as University of Houston-Downtown
18 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
19 delegation.